

17th January 2024

Dear Commissioner,

RE: Productivity Commission 'Future foundations for giving' draft report.

I have read the draft report with interest and concern. I am concerned about the recommendations for deductible gift recipient (DGR) status to be abolished for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organisations.

As a genuinely concerned parent, my children attend an independent school that benefits from DGR status. Currently we are experiencing cost of living pressure from ongoing inflation like we have never felt before and it's of high concern that school fees will only increase further to make up the shortfall of funds from reduced giving, driven by the lack of tax benefit for businesses/individuals that are able to donate to any private schools.

As a parent, I feel this is an attack on religion as the greater portion of private or independent education is provided by religious organisations.

It will be extremely concerning if the Government adopts this recommendation, we will be forced to send our children to the overcrowded local public school which will impact their learning experience and may have a detrimental effect on their academic potential, along with additional costs to the Government in providing increased funds for the public schooling system.

Please seriously consider my concerns, I am certain our family won't be the only one impacted.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Ingles