

Dear Karen,

RE: PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION 'FUTURE FOUNDATIONS FOR GIVING' DRAFT REPORT

In reading the draft report I agree there are some good suggestions, but I am very distressed as to the recommendations for the deductible gift recipient (DGR) status to be removed for aged care, religious organisations, non-government primary, secondary and childcare. These organisations are of upmost importance in our society and need to be supported in every way by Government and private entities by DGR status.

We currently have a child in an independent school and while she maybe able to continue if the school fees were increased, I am concerned that some of her peers at the school may not be able to afford to stay at the school if the fees were increased due to DGR status removal. This would be very detrimental to her and to them.

I have two grandsons also that their parents were hoping to send to an independent school that benefits from DGR status and doubt very much this will be possible if the DGR status of schools was removed. This would mean that they would have to send the boys to the local government school that is already overcrowded, impacting their learning and limit their potential.

Please consider the importance of DGR status to aged care, religious organisations, non-government primary, secondary and childcare and the detrimental effect on many it would have if it removed.

Kind Regards

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