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To Whom It May Concern

I note the recent media report regarding Productivity Commission 'Future foundations for giving' draft report.

As a parent and grandparent of children attending private schools, this is a major concern to me. The recommendations for deductible gift recipient (DGR) status to be scrapped for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organisations is very concerning.

If this proceeds, private schools will lack the funds for building and expansion, the school fees we pay will only increase, which means we may have to send our children to public schools, where the standard has dropped, and I am concerned about the quality of education of my family.

I understand 35% of students in Australia attend private schools. The extra burden will be on parents including ourselves in this current difficult cost of living crisis. If this proceeds, the government will have to bear the extra cost of public education, which I am sure is not the best use of taxpayers' money.

Please respect my concern and do not adopt this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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