

17th January, 2024

Dear Karen,

RE: Product Commission 'Future foundations for giving' draft report

I have read the draft report as it's recommendations will impact our family. While some of the findings and recommendations are good, I am very concerned that the deductible gift recipient (DGR) status has been recommended to be scrapped for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organisations.

This recommendation will force independent schools that benefit from DGR status like the one my children attend to increase school fees due to reduced donations from individuals and businesses. These increased fees would come at a time when we're experiencing unprecedented cost-of-living pressure forcing us to send our children to our local overcrowded public school.

I am also concerned that this reduced giving will force our school to cancel proposed extensions and upgrades, impacting the suitability of their learning environment and resulting in declining academic outcomes.

I would appreciate if you'd take my concerns into your considerations as they impact many in the community.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Phillips