

Dear Karen,

I hope you are well. I wanted to share my thoughts on the recent draft report from the Productivity Commission titled 'Future Foundations for Giving.'

After reviewing the report, I appreciate the positive findings and recommendations it contains. However, I find myself particularly concerned about the proposal to removing deductible gift recipient (DGR) status for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organizations.

This issue hits close to home as my children currently attend an independent school benefiting from DGR status. In these challenging times of unprecedented cost-of-living pressures, I worry that the removal of DGR status could lead to a significant increase in school fees. This potential rise in fees, driven by the reduction in giving due to the lack of tax benefits for donors, will cause financial challenges for families like mine.

My concern is that if the government adopts this recommendation, we most likely will have to enroll our children in our already overcrowded local public school. Such a shift could adversely impact their learning experience and potentially hinder their academic potential.

I urge you to consider these concerns as you review the recommendations. I believe our family won't be the only one affected by these potential changes.

Yours sincerely,

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