

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Karen,

Re: Productivity Commission “Future Foundations for giving” draft report

Thank you for the opportunity of providing a submission in reference to the Future Foundations for giving draft report.

I have read the report in detail and would acknowledge some good findings and suggestions.

However, I was stunned as to some of the recommendations in the report, particularly in reference to scrapping the DGR status for non-government primary & secondary schools, childcare, aged care and other religious organisations.

We have sent each of our 5 children to a private school and witnessed numerous benefits of capital works completed on the school to improve the infrastructure & provide an enhanced, vibrant & safe learning environment for the students – all facilitated by gifts to the school building fund. These works have been essential to providing a cutting edge learning facility to keep pace with an ever changing world. I see these capital improvements as investment into the future which could be massively impacted if the DGR status for non-government primary & secondary schools is changed.

Whilst we respect the public system, it is already massively over stretched and I can only see these recommendations exacerbating an already precarious situation – not only affecting the learning of children in private schools but also those in public schools.

In addition, I can see these recommendations leading to an increase in schools fees – surely the knock-on impact of this issue doesn’t involve a lot of explanation given the already overwhelming escalation of the current cost of living.

Aspects of the report seem to have been written from a very narrow perspective & I would urge the Government not to embrace any of these recommendations impacting the DGR status of non-government primary & secondary schools, childcare, aged care and other religious organisations.

I am a very anxious parent, but believe my feelings represent the solitudes of parents at large throughout the community.

Yours sincerely,

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