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

To whom it may concern,

I have read the draft report with interest and am very concerned about the recommendations for deductible gift recipient (DGR) status to be axed for non-government primary and secondary schools, aged care, childcare and other religious organisations.

The reason I am so worried is that my children attend an independent school that would be under DGR status. If they were to lose this, then they would ultimately have to increase their school fees massively as they will no doubt lose income from donations which they rely on to operate as this would have no tax benefit anymore. With the current cost of living pressure like it is, I would not be able to afford to send my children to a private school. I know for a fact the public schools are overcrowded and at capacity, so this would further put immense strain on them as I imagine I wouldn't be the only parent doing this as this recommendation would affect many thousands around our great country. I would also feel I wouldn't be doing the best for my children to give them the best opportunity in life and to try have them learn in the best environment.

I urge you to please consider my concerns above and this would also be affecting many thousands of Australians and I feel would be very detrimental to our country.

Kind Regards

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