

To whom it may concern,

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

The draft report for the Productivity Commission I have read and have concerns on this.

I don't see a need for any reform of the current deductible gift recipient system as it currently works well in Australia for the good of all.

With the current economic conditions globally and increase in cost of living and wars and unrest I don't see a need to be reinventing the wheel with something like this.

Of particular concern is the recommendations for deductible gift recipient (DGR) status to be scrapped for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organisations.

I feel this is something that will affect people more than you think and is really an attack on independent schools and religion. With 1 in 5 schools actually being independent I don't see how the government schools will then be able to house and teach all those that move over from the independent schools when they forced to shut. How do you think the independent schools fund themselves now without the charitable status they have?

My children attend an independent school that benefits from DGR status and a change in tax benefit will affect how we are able to donate our time or money to this cause. Donations can be used for new capital projects which ultimately gives the children good quality experience and facilities.

The purpose of the inquiry is to understand trends and see opportunities to increase giving, so please keep that in mind and don't make any changes that will affect a non-government school from receiving donations.

We would strongly encourage the Australian Government to not proceed with these proposed changes as it will end up driving school fees up, some independent schools to close, children to suffer without a quality education and this will end up being another overall failure.

The short term benefits of the Government in doing this (of which I don't know of any benefits) will not be worth it when you have to build another 1000 schools to house the kids coming from the Non-Government schools.

Please consider my concerns and we would value being listened to.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff