

16th January 2024

Dear Karen,

RE: Productivity Commission draft study "Future Foundations for Giving"

Out of curiosity and since my three boys attend an independent school that benefits from DGR status I have reviewed the above with concern.

Although the study yields several valuable insights and suggestions, I have reservations regarding the proposal to eliminate the DGR status for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organizations.

I carry concern that since there is no tax benefit for businesses or individuals who can donate, school fees will increase to make up for the cash lost from donations at a time when we all are facing some measure of pressure from the cost of living.

If the government implements this suggestion, we may, along with others, be forced to enrol our three boys once more in a crowded public school, which will have a negative impact on their education and limit their potential in terms of academic achievement.

I'm confident that it's not just our family that this will have a negative affect on.

Sincerely,

Kirkpatrick

Concerned Husband and Father of three boys.