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Productivity Commission Future Foundations for Giving' Draft report

Dear Karen,

In reading through the draft report, I can appreciate the desire to streamline the current system and provide improvements to facilitate & encourage charitable & philanthropic giving.

I do however have concerns about the intent to remove DGR status for non- government schools, childcare, aged care and other religious organizations. I believe this will directly affect the giving my children's school receives from individuals & businesses that would normally take advantage of the current DGR tax benefit to support our school.

I am aware our school is dependent on DGR status to provide facilities that would be otherwise not be possible unless through further increased school fees which with the current cost of living pressures would be the straw that breaks the back of our school community and many otherwise excellent independent learning centres.

I choose an independent school for a sense of community team spirit where my children are aligned with those of similar goals and aspirations which allows them to thrive to their best potential.

If fees increase any further in the current economic climate, I am very concerned we will be forced to send our children to the local public school which is overcrowded and simply doesn't provide the same educational results.

I trust you are sympathetic with my concerns, I am sure there would be many others in the same position as us.

Anthony Grace