

Dear Karen,

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

As a concerned parent the draft report as nominated above has compelled me to make this submission for your consideration of the below more pertinent points among others.

School Fees - Our school fees will increase if the Government adopts the Productivity Commission's recommendations. Schools will be needing to increase their income from fees to make up for the reduced giving from businesses or individuals because of the lack of tax benefit for these entities or people. This comes at a time when our household is already under cost-of-living pressure never experienced before. This could force us to put our children into our local public schools which I understand are already overcrowded.

Schools Infrastructure Growth - Reduced giving to our school will inhibit the organisation undertaking further building extension and upgrade works which I know support many small family businesses in our area. Reduced infrastructure growth will cause the education experience of our children to decline, lowering their ability to learn in a suitable environment and impacting their academic potential.

Anti- Religion – lastly these recommendations appear as an insidious attack on religion as a majority of private and independent education is provided by religious organisations.

As a parent of our current students of today we are the guardians of the Future of this great nation! We urge you to consider our points as above as this will impact not only our family but many others.

Yours sincerely

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Concerned Parent