

Dear Karen,

I recently had the opportunity to review the draft report on the "Future Foundation for Giving" by the Productivity Commission and wanted to share my thoughts with you.

While I acknowledge the positive findings and recommendations in the report, I am particularly concerned about the proposal to eliminate deductible gift recipient (DGR) status for non-government primary, secondary, childcare, aged care, and other religious organizations. This issue is of personal significance to me as my children currently attend an independent school that greatly benefits from its DGR status.

In the current economic climate, where many families are grappling with unprecedented cost-of-living pressures, the potential removal of DGR status could lead to a rise in school fees. This, in turn, may result in diminished financial support from businesses and individuals, negatively impacting the overall educational experience for our children.

Given the potential consequences, including increased financial strain on families and a potential shift towards overcrowded public schools, I urge you to consider the broader implications of scrapping DGR status for these organizations. This decision could not only affect our family but may have repercussions for many others facing similar concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the impact of these recommendations on families and educational institutions.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Champion.