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Dear Commissioners,

RE: Productivity Commission – ‘Future Foundations for Giving’ Draft Report

As a grandfather of children at an Independent School, I am greatly concerned regarding parts of the Draft Report from the Productivity Commission on ‘Future Foundations for Giving.’

The recommendation to remove ‘Deductible Gift Recipient’ for non-government schools and religious organisations etc., will have an enormous impact on funding, forcing increased school fees, and driving numbers of children to the public system at a cost to Government and taxpayers.

The quality education and academic outcomes in Independent Schools is of great benefit to the wider-community, and I don’t want to see that reduced.

I also believe the draft recommendations are an attack on religion, which I find quite alarming.

I trust you consider and respond positively to my views, and thank-you in anticipation.

Regards,

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