

AUSTRALIA
4th Feb. 2024

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Australian Productivity Commission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject : Tax deductibility for RIGS

I note that in your draft report on the development of philanthropy in Australia you recommend the abolition of tax deductibility status of gifts for RIGS in Australia.

I write to request that you reverse this recommendation and return to the status quo for the following reasons

a) Religious instruction involves a wide cross section of Australians in Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Bahai and other faiths.

b) The teachings of these faiths reflect a care & concern for others which, I believe, is one reason for your wanting to increase philanthropy in Australia.

c) My own faith drives me to donate substantially to fifteen (15) Australian and overseas charities every month.

d) Provision of SRE in state schools / provides

provides a positive attitude to a wide cross section of Australian young people who, we trust, will become philanthropic in their working lives.

I trust these reasons will convince you to reverse your recommendation on this vital issue of tax deductibility for RIGS which affects a wide range of members of Australian religious faiths.

Yours sincerely,
John Emmett.