

Submission re Future Foundations for Giving

(proposed removal of DGR status for giving to Special Religious Education in Schools)

I am a Christian who has been teaching SRE in two local public primary schools for the past 16 years. I'm a volunteer, but the SRE teachers in the two local public **High Schools** are paid, using funds donated to Generate by members of local Christian churches in my suburb and from a small proportion of the budgets of those same local churches.

I am now retired and don't need my donations to Generate to be tax deductible, but I know that many other donors amongst my church friends are able to donate a greater amount to Generate because of their present tax deductibility status. I'm confident that if that status was removed, my friends would still make donations to Generate, but not be able to afford to be as generous.

The majority of SRE teachers in public primary schools are volunteers, but it's harder to encourage **volunteers** to teach SRE in **high schools** because doing so is more difficult. Therefore, I respectfully request that DGR status for Special Religious Education in Schools be retained so that employers such as Generate are financially able to employ enough adults with the best training to continue to teach SRE in public high schools.

Faith-based teaching makes a valuable contribution to the education of young people and to their behaviour and attitudes when they become adults, which contributes to them being kind, helpful, positive members of Australian society.

Yours sincerely,

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