

Special Religious Education (SRE) is a positive contribution to school life. I have taught SRE in local primary schools for 29 years. Because of my faith and belief I have given significant amounts of time and money to support SRE in schools. SRE is valuable in schools because it contributes and promotes positive values in school communities. Well being and mental health of students are enhanced through SRE programmes; and positive attitudes toward unity and multiculturalism are presented.

I ask that the government recognise and value the contribution that faith communities make to our Australian society and I ask that the government maintain tax deductibility (DGR status) for organisations and funds supporting SRE.

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