

## Submission Regarding the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Philanthropy

I have lived in my community for 46 years and during that period SRE in both Primary and High School have been an integral part of our community. It has been underpinned by volunteers and paid staff who are funded by donations to a DGR local board. Most donors rely on the tax deductibility of their contributions. DGR status of religious education boards should remain. They are critical to a vibrant and pluralist community. Removing the DGR status would be an attack on religion in our country and the freedom for students to hear from vital historical and religious documents that have been an important part of our country. Every Australian student should have the freedom and information to explore any faith or belief in their formative years and removal of the DGR status of religious education should rob them of that.