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**Submission to the Productivity Commission**

I write as a concerned Australian small business owner, with grandchildren and friends who attend faith-based schools.

For some years our business has financially supported these schools through tax-deductible donations, and we consider the money well-invested.

I take the simple Christian ground of loving the Lord Jesus Christ. I hold that the Bible is a direct revelation from God Himself, and I understand that it upholds the principle and authority of government in the world.

I see anti-Christian forces in conflict with these beliefs, but I am not about to surrender them. Freedom of religion is enshrined in Australia's Constitution. Inevitably, this conflict arises in the area of education, and the influences under which our children develop.

Faith-based schools have become the only option for many. They are not a cheap option, but Government support, and the facilitating of private funding, has made it possible. This is much valued and appreciated.

I respectfully ask for these provisions to be continued

Yours faithfully

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