

Dear Productivity Commission,

My name is Eugene Lubarsky, and I am very interested in the philanthropic scene in Australia, which does so much good in our country while contributing significantly to jobs & other economic activity. I am writing in response to the draft report regarding philanthropic giving in Australia, which I learnt about through a workshop run by the Good Ancestor Project. I really appreciate the work you have done and the opportunity to provide feedback.

I was heartened by the draft report's acknowledgement that the current DGR system could use some refinement. The suggestion to include animal welfare charities in the DGR bracket, especially those not directly involved in animal care or rehabilitation, is a welcome initiative. This move could attract substantial donations and grant applications to charities involved in large-scale policy and advocacy work aimed at improving animal welfare.

By doing away with the limitations currently faced by many animal charities, we are essentially providing equal opportunities for all donors to contribute towards this cause. I believe this could redirect funding towards high-impact activities aimed at improving the lives of millions of animals in sectors such as farming, aquatic life, wildlife, and research.

The expansion of DGR status to advocacy charities is one of the most crucial recommendations in the draft report. However, I am also aware that for-profit industries with significant policy influence may attempt to oppose this change either in submissions to the Productivity Commission or before Parliament. To counter this, I urge the Productivity Commission to anticipate potential opposition to its proposals and include pre-emptive solutions in its recommendations.

In particular, I think the report should explicitly recommend that **vegan advocacy organisations** be given DGR status because the work they do is key to reducing horrible suffering endured by millions of animals in Australia, as well as in advancing many other areas of public benefit - from environmental (land clearing, methane, climate) to the growth of the alt-protein sector.

Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to the positive changes that your final report will bring to the philanthropic sector in Australia.

Regards, Eugene Lubarsky