

Dear Commissioner

I would like to take this opportunity to raise my deep concern for the proposed changes to the future of philanthropy in Australia by the productivity commission.

As a parent of school children, member of a small church group, owner of a small business and regular supporter of charities I believe my situation would be representative of a large proportion of our community.

Schools and church organizations are two key components in the fabric of our local communities, these are closest to the needs and issues and have the best knowledge and resources to provide the best help in a timely way. To interfere with the current arrangements will not only disrupt these essential services but also disengage those who support charity regularly.

The public and private schools are both essential to provide a balanced and healthy competition in view of maintaining and improving our standard of education in this country.

Religious organizations have the experience and structures available to assist and support the government along with essential care and compassionate understanding underpinned by Christian values.

I respectfully ask that the government has the foresight to continue to support our schools and religious organizations rather than make rash changes which will adversely effect our existing communities and put other issues before people and communities.

Yours sincerely