

Dear Karen,

Re the Proposal “ Productivity Commission “ Future Foundations for giving” – which is just a thinly masked repeated attempt to reduce funding to private schooling.

Private support for education has always been a valuable contribution – the Archibald Scholarship itself is a prime example, and many leading Australians (including yourself) owe much to this private support of education. Why now – seek to weaken it?

I refer to a recent report drafted and shared on Skynews. What seems to be the Governments intention is shocking - and it has opened our eyes to how deluded these views are and has not shown or understood any concept of reality or featured western values. The western world supremacy is built on education – its Achilles heel is the allowance of woke and socialist influences.

I seek to waken you to the devilish legacy this proposal is creating – the education of our young is our sacred responsibility and the security of our country’s future.

As a concerned parent seeking to provide a better education for our 4 children, (13, 10, 7 and 1 year old), we conscientiously believe this proposal goes completely against the idea of a better education, a protected environment, a safer world : because the deliberate crippling of private schools, shows that not only the career choices, the subject choices, all so enhanced and enlarged in the private school system, and crippled and cruelled by the government schools failures – these student opportunities are being trashed by this proposal, and the physical safety of the students is not valued either.

This is not only an attack on religion but also the democratic ideals we so cherish - the thought to allow people to live by their own beliefs is not supported by this proposal.

Funding to private schools supports better teachers and facilities and has a broader reach for international students, any talented family ideally wants to support their children’s ability to add to the furtherance of Australia’s values.

The government cost per student at govt schools is \$14k pa and at private schools \$ 12k pa so that make no cost savings anyway. If this proposal gains its objective and the private schools reduce, there will be a massive school building capital expenditure as well!

Please take a moment re-think this through on removing funding support - it is madness.

My own grandfathers experience, was as a private school student, he was able to maintain the family company – now approaching the first hundred year milestone. I have so appreciated the quality of that schooling, which was the government support that has allowed our whole family to achieve : my current job, my company success, the vision ins lled in me by these values, and I appreciate it to such an extent that I must speak up. I cannot go silent into the night of socialism.

Yours Sincerely.