

To: Productivity Commission

Re: Concerns about Removal of DGR Status from Private Schools

As a concerned parent and community member, I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed removal of Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for private schools, as recommended in the 'Future Foundations for Giving' report.

Private schools play a vital role in alleviating the burden on the public education system. This is supported by their ability to receive tax-deductible gifts. Denying them this right could result in private education becoming less accessible, increase the strain on public schools, and ultimately widen the educational inequality gap in Australia.

Additionally, this proposal seems at odds with the inquiry's primary goal of increasing philanthropic giving. Making contributions to private schools less tax-effective could discourage donations from philanthropists who are aligned with educational causes. It will not necessarily encourage them to reallocate these donations to other sectors.

I urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal, considering its broader impact on Australia's educational landscape and our culture of philanthropy.

Sincerely,

Gary Brown