

Dear Sir/Madam,

We at Kinma Primary, a small school with a tight-knit community of up to 100 primary students, are writing to express our concern regarding the recommendation in the "Future Foundations for Giving" draft report to remove Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from school building funds. This proposal would have detrimental impacts amongst our community, who have long supported our mission to provide quality education through generous donations.

As a not-for-profit entity recognised by the ACNC we've heavily relied on our DGR status to fund capital works projects critical for accommodating our growing student population and for upgrading educational facilities. These projects have been crucial in meeting the demand from families for places at our school and ensuring that our facilities meet the evolving educational needs of our students.

Different amounts of capital funding for a range of projects has come directly from our school community—families, alumni, and other donors—through contributions to our school building fund. The building fund acts as a lever to enable co-funding of projects from wider sources, whether public or private. Removing DGR status would drastically hinder our ability to raise the necessary funds for maintaining and improving our teaching and learning infrastructure, impacting not just Kinma Primary but potentially thousands of schools across Australia.

The draft report's concerns over the potential for donations to confer private benefits seem misplaced and unsupported by evidence. In reality, donations to our school building fund are made with a broader vision of supporting future generations. Our donors, such as current families and alumni, contribute without the expectation of direct personal gain, guided by a commitment to the long-term educational legacy of our school.

The proposed removal of DGR status overlooks the substantial and lasting benefits these donations provide, far outweighing any speculative 'potential' private benefits. It also fails to consider the diverse donor base that supports our building fund, making the argument for direct benefits to donors highly unlikely.

We strongly urge the Productivity Commission to reconsider this recommendation. Removing DGR status would not only diminish our

capacity to meet future demands for student places but would also place a greater financial burden on government resources and student's families to provide the necessary classroom spaces.

We hope our concerns and the potential impacts of this recommendation are taken into account before finalizing the report. Thank you for considering our submission.

Kind regards,

Keith Mason

Board Member and Treasurer, Kinma Primary