

Dear Productivity Commission,

I do not agree with your draft recommendations (<https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/philanthropy/draft>) to eliminate DGR status for religious charities and schools. Such recommendations smacks of bias against the religious. The fact of the matter is that religion does much good work in this country. Some benefits noted include promoting moral values, better volunteering rates than secular people, better mental and physical health amongst religious people, and even some economic benefits ([https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/digital-law-library/judges-speeches/justice-s-derrington/s-derrington-j-20191129#:~:text=The%20public%20benefit%20requirement%20also,Charities%20Act%202013%20\(Cth\)](https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/digital-law-library/judges-speeches/justice-s-derrington/s-derrington-j-20191129#:~:text=The%20public%20benefit%20requirement%20also,Charities%20Act%202013%20(Cth))). So why oppose such good work, unless you favour social miseries and problems for some reason?

So please rescind your decision to eliminate DGR status for religious charities and schools, and maintain them as they are.