

Ref. Future Foundations or Giving : APC Report

9th February, 2024

To The Committee,

I am writing to express my great concern over elements of the above mentioned report.

The statement that Religious Organisations offer NO community wide benefit couldn't be further from the truth. In our own community in the Moruya area we not only benefit, but would be the leading provider for food and care for people in need. The Pantry Club attached to our church (Southern Life Church) has operated for about 15 years and regularly provides for 50 to 60 families per week and is sustained mainly by volunteers who give both their time and money. To have a bland statement made to the effect that we give no benefit is not only wrong but untrue. The current tax benefit is the only support that the Government offers towards the continuation of not only our Pantry Club but other charitable groups and to consider removing this is appalling.

The fact that Christian Schools provide for an ever-growing part of the community should not be ignored, as if these were to close the Government would not be able to support the influx into Government schools.

I would ask that you consider this request in all good conscience and dismiss any changes to the existing laws regarding religious organisations.

Your sincerely,

Sandra Hendy