

Ref: Future Foundations for Giving: APC Report

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Dear Committee

I write to express my concern over the recommendation to remove tax benefit from Christian schools and organisations.

The principle held by the APC, which states that **Religion offers NO community wide benefit** is vastly false.

There are many Australians who have been helped on a daily basis, by Christian Charities.

In addition, Christian schools provide an enormous community wide benefit. The provision of a private school choice for parents is fundamental to our democratic society and it additionally eases federal budget constraints in the Education sector.

By removing the tax deductibility for donations made to Christian/ Religious organisations there will be a loss on their operational capacity, possibly causing many to close, which will in turn affect the Australian tax payer.

Clearly the APC have a philosophy/belief system contrary to our Australian Christian heritage that denies the benefit that Christian organisation have provided to our country's development.

Therefore, I urge that, they government keeps out Religious organisations with tax-benefits.

Yours Sincerely

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