

Dear Karen,

Re: Future foundation for giving, Draft report, November 2023.

After reading the draft report mentioned above, I can appreciate the good findings and recommendations which are contained except I was astounded by the recommendation for the scrapping of deductible gift recipient status for existing philanthropic organisations.

I am dumb-founded that organisations which benefit society so greatly should be included in a recommendation for an inquiry that seeks to double philanthropic giving by 2030. These organisations would suffer severely and those that depend on them will be forced to turn to alternatives of lesser value. The decrease in gifting would result in them having to charge higher fees, reduce their services or be forced into closure, which would adversely affect not only those who use their services but also those who use alternative offerings including;

- Additional costs to society that is already under the pressure of a cost-of-living crisis
- Adding greater load to already struggling public systems reducing current public offerings and increasing government costs.
- Removing choice, which contradicts one of the very points this inquiry seeks to encourage.
- Reducing the sense of society and causing greater division and barriers.

I feel strongly that the adoption of this recommendation by the Government would result in a decrease in philanthropic giving rather than an increase, which this inquiry seeks to encourage.

Many would share my concerns and I ask that you consider them carefully.

Your Sincerely,

Bob Kennard.