

Commission

Thank you for all your efforts to make Australia a better and more generous country.

However, I am concerned about the draft report by the Productivity Commission to the Federal Government on philanthropy in Australia. My main concern is the removal of the DGR status for religious institutions. It is important to recognize that religious people are an integral part of the Australian community, and in fact, the majority of Australians are religious. Additionally, religious organizations form the largest sector of charities in Australia and attract a higher number of volunteers than other charities. It simply does not make sense to remove the incentive for the largest sector of charities to carry out their work.

Furthermore, the report implies that religion and religious education do not provide community-wide benefits, which is demonstrably untrue. Religion, particularly Christianity, makes significant positive contributions to Australian society. There is ample evidence that SRE (Special Religious Education) delivers psychological benefits to students promotes multiculturalism and social acceptance and reduces the risk of student radicalisation.

If you would like to talk more about this, I am more than willing to contribute to the discussion,

King regards  
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