

Dear Folk @ The Productivity Commission,

In relation to the report into Philanthropy in Australia,

I would like to point out the following:

The Report implies that religion and religious education do not give community-wide benefits. This is demonstrably untrue. Religion, especially Christianity, makes very significant positive contributions to Australian society. Religious organisations form the **largest sector of charities** in Australia and attract a proportionately larger number of volunteers than other charities.

There is **good evidence** that SRE delivers psychological benefits to students, promotes thick multiculturalism and social acceptance and reduces the risk of student radicalisation.

It would seem SRE helps just as many or more people as do the other organisations being considered for DGR status.

Thank you for considering this submission,

Yours sincerely,

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