

Dear Committee

I write to express my concern over some elements of aforementioned report.

The underlying premise held by the APC, which avers that **Religion offers NO community wide benefit** is utterly false, a complete canard.

Obviously, the authors are too well paid. Since they have no need for the charitable services offered by religious organisations. For if they were in need, then they would know first-hand exactly how many thousands of Australians are helped on a daily basis, by Christian Charities.

Moreover, Christian schools offer a huge community wide benefit. Massively reducing the cost to our national budget, thereby releasing funds to spent elsewhere. Furthermore, given the magnitude of the number of students receiving an education in Christians schools, the superior overall performance of these students, when compared to those educated in government schools it is ludicrous to contend that Religious schools offer no community benefit.

Removing the tax deductibility for donations made to Christian/ Religious organisations will have a deleterious impact on their operational viability, causing many to close, which will in turn add a greater burden to the budget and ultimately the Australian tax payer.

It seems to that like most government departments, APC staff are driven by ideological constraints, rather than reason. *Antipathy can never be reconciled to reason* (Anthony Trollope), and so the government functionaries churn out endless reports, designed to remove every element of our Christian heritage, and the enormous benefits that it brings, in allegiance to their Marxist fantasy.

Therefore, I respectfully advocate that, they government keeps out Religious organisations, live and let live.

Yours Sincerely

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