

Australian Government Productivity Commission

Submission

Future Foundations for Giving - Draft Report

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

The underlying premise held by the Commission, which asserts that **Religion offers NO community wide benefit** is utterly false.

There is a great need for the charitable services offered by religious organisations. 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 Christian schools, and the superior overall performance of these students when compared with 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 and 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 taxpayer.

Therefore, I respectfully advocate that the government does NOT change the laws relating to donations made to religious organisations,

Annette Lorraine Jones

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