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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to share my firsthand experience as a homeschooling parent and to emphasise the invaluable learning opportunities that homeschooling has provided for my children. In light of the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation, I believe it's crucial to highlight the positive impact that homeschooling has had on my children's love for learning and their preparation for the real world.

Since embarking on our homeschooling journey, I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in my children's attitude towards education. They are no longer anxious to learn or have the fear of being wrong, which were things that occurred during their short time in a classroom. The personalised learning approach we have adopted has reignited their passion for learning and instilled in them a newfound confidence in their abilities. Rather than merely memorising facts and figures, they are actively engaged in exploring topics that spark their curiosity and pursuing knowledge in a way that resonates with them personally. My eldest has a huge passion for history and loves to dive deep into various countries and events throughout history. He left school terrified to read because of the pressure put on him by his teacher(s) and the competitive charts to pit him against his classmates. After a few months he was able to read a full book all by himself as the pressure to 'succeed' and 'be like everyone else' was lifted.

It is worth noting that, upon initially examining the current Queensland curriculum, we found that it did not align with our educational philosophy. Within a few weeks of attempting to follow it, we realised that the high-quality learning experiences we could provide at home far surpassed what was being offered within the confines of a traditional curriculum. There are so many resources from all parts of the world that we are able to use as part of our learning and education, I feel limiting ourselves to only the Australian curriculum we would be doing our children and injustice in providing a 'high

quality education'. We are able to really focus on areas the children struggle with and build up their skills. In a classroom setting they were being left behind because they were taking a little longer to master a skill.

Through homeschooling, my children are not only acquiring academic knowledge but also developing essential life skills and values that are essential for success in the real world. My children know how to talk to people in all walks of life, in many different jobs and positions. They know how our banking and tax system work, being able to set budgets for themselves and also help with the family budget in smaller ways. They are able to cook meals and bake. I feel none of these things are taught in classrooms (I know I didn't learn any of that at school). They are learning how to think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt to new situations—all skills that will serve them well beyond the confines of a classroom.

Moreover, homeschooling allows my children to actively participate in the world around them, gaining practical experience and insight that simply cannot be replicated in a traditional school setting. Whether it's volunteering in the community, pursuing hobbies and interests, or engaging in real-world projects, they are actively preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to recognize and celebrate the diverse benefits of homeschooling, which go beyond mere academic achievement. As a homeschooling parent, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to nurture my children's love of learning and to prepare them for the complexities of the real world through personalized, holistic education.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,
Morgyn Mlinarek Homeschooling Parent

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