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To whom it may concern,

I'm letting you know that I am vehemently opposed to the changes in homeschooling legislation. Families have chosen to homeschool for certain reasons particular to themselves, to then have everyone have to meet the same Australian curriculum defeats the purpose of providing flexibility for those families and children. I expect this is to try to force all children to be captured by the government approved narratives and ideologies. Before proposing such changes it must be demonstrated that the current homeschooling system is not working. Which to my knowledge it is highly successful and produces children whom have drive, innovation, and good family values.

I suspect this proposed legislation is to stem the steady bleed of parents choosing to homeschool their children. Yet instead of addressing the schooling system, including the Australian curriculum, the answer proposed is to change homeschooling to be more alike being at a school. It is an effort to control what children learn in every facet of schooling, whereas they are leaving typical schools because they aren't learning the way in which the curriculum stipulates subject matter must be learnt. In most cases these children would be left behind, or be isolated, and bullied, if they remained in the current schooling system. This is not an acceptable solution and does not cater for how children learn differently.

There are certainly aspects of the Australian curriculum which are specifically the reason to why families have chosen to homeschool, as parents do not agree with their child being taught those aspects; either at that time or with the narration that the government has brought with it. This proposal if passed would take away the ability for parents to decide what is best for their child to learn and when. Also I'm sure that the Australian curriculum is changing to catch up with approved agendas from the government, the UN and the WHO which they wish to be taught to every child. So whilst they may make it look like a minor or reasonable change to force these changes now, it will have profound changes for parents looking to ensure they decide what is taught to their children, both now and in the future.

Please help to **stop** these changes from being approved.

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