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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the proposed changes to home education requirements in Queensland, particularly the push for adherence to the Australian National Curriculum.

As a homeschooling parent my foremost commitment is to provide my children with a tailored education that caters to their unique strengths, interests, and learning styles. This personalized approach to learning is at the heart of why many families, including mine, have chosen home education as the best option for their children. I have personally witnessed that allowing children to learn in this manner, fosters curiosity and a real love for learning.

Mandating adherence to the Australian National Curriculum threatens to undermine the autonomy and flexibility that define homeschooling. It overlooks the diverse educational philosophies and approaches embraced by homeschooling families, who prioritize individualized learning experiences over standardized curricula.

Furthermore, imposing onerous reporting requirements on all subjects could place unnecessary burdens on homeschooling families, detracting from the time and resources available for meaningful educational experiences. Rather than fostering a supportive environment for home education, such measures being imposed risk stifling creativity and innovation in learning.

Please also note that in order for us to be homeschooling families, many of us are also taking on less hours at work - resulting in less pay for our families; with some unable to work as they have their children fulltime. This is a huge commitment we have undertaken in itself - to take full responsibility of our children, their wellbeing and education. We do not need the extra stressors being imposed all because we are committing to what we believe is best for our children.

I urge the committee to recognize and respect the diverse educational choices made by homeschooling families. Let us uphold the principle of educational choice and empower parents to provide their children with the best possible education tailored to their individual needs and aspirations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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