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To: Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee

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Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the homeschool legislation.

I am in the third year of homeschooling my children. We are part of a wonderfully supportive community.

I love the freedom we currently have to teach our children what they are interested in and follow their passions. I am providing an individual, focused, high quality education to each of my children. Sadly, I believe being restricted to following an Australian Curriculum would have a negative effect on their productivity. We are nurturing a love of learning by following their interests and passions and I feel that fixing them to the Australian Curriculum would clip their interests and end this love of learning that they have developed since leaving the school system.

With so many children failing in the school system, I am doubtful that a high level of education is truly being achieved by using the Australian Curriculum.

Please can you advise how and why this decision to restrict homeschoolers to learning under the Australian Curriculum has been made? What percentage of the homeschool community was contacted and consulted with regard to this proposed change?

I hope you will reconsider your perspective and not limit our focus and opportunities.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully Angela Assouline