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Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to bring attention to the limitations of the Australian Curriculum and advocate for greater recognition of the benefits of homeschooling, particularly for neurodivergent children like my son.

The Australian Curriculum, in its current form, is outdated and fails to provide a comprehensive education that meets the diverse needs of all students. Through our homeschooling journey, my son has been able to thrive in a self-directed curriculum that emphasizes life skills not typically covered in traditional schooling settings.

The skills he is acquiring are invaluable and extend beyond the confines of a rigid curriculum. They are essential life skills that will empower him to navigate the complexities of the real world with confidence and resilience.

We attempted school for two years before my then 5 year became mute, unable to handle the pressures of school and the curriculum. We both suffer from PTSD from his time 'at' school. My 15 year old is now thriving, having created his own business, undertaken work experience in his chosen field and rediscovered his love of learning through his own interests after being thoroughly disinterested and discouraged with the high school curriculum.

I strongly urge the committee to invest more time and resources into researching homeschooling and understanding why it is a more beneficial option for many children, especially those with neurodivergent needs. By embracing the flexibility and individualized approach of homeschooling, we can ensure that every child receives an education tailored to their unique strengths and abilities.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Beth Slade

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