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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to homeschooling policies, particularly the suggestion to mandate homeschooling children to follow the Australian National Curriculum. As a homeschooling parent actively engaged in our community, I feel compelled to address the discrepancy between the proposed changes and the realities of homeschooling education.

It's important to note that homeschoolers already have access to the curriculum. Families can choose to utilize some, part, all, or none of it in their educational approach. This flexibility is fundamental to the essence of homeschooling, allowing parents to tailor their children's education to their unique needs, interests, and aspirations.

Furthermore, the suggestion to mandate adherence to the Australian National Curriculum overlooks the diverse approaches and resources utilized by homeschooling families. Many families, including mine, opt to incorporate curriculums from other countries to enrich their children's educational experience and enhance academic outcomes.

Given the existing accessibility to curriculum resources and the varied approaches adopted by homeschooling families, the rationale behind the proposed changes appears disconnected from the actual needs and practices of the homeschooling community. It is essential to consider the implications of imposing additional regulations on families who have deliberately chosen homeschooling for its flexibility and individualized approach to education.

Instead of focusing on mandating adherence to a specific curriculum, I urge the committee to engage in meaningful dialogue with homeschooling families to better understand our diverse needs and perspectives. Let us work together to ensure that homeschooling remains a viable and respected educational option that empowers parents to provide their children with the best possible education.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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