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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the inflexibility and overcrowded nature of the Australian Curriculum, particularly in how it impacts children's engagement and learning outcomes. As a concerned parent of 3 homeschooled children and advocate for educational reform, I strongly believe that there is an urgent need for more flexible schooling options that prioritise the diverse needs and interests of students, rather than adhering to an outdated and irrelevant curriculum. The current Australian Curriculum, with its rigid structure and overcrowded content, often fails to resonate with many children and can lead to disengagement from the learning process. It is evident that a one-size-fits-all approach does not effectively cater to the unique learning styles, interests, and abilities of every student. Furthermore, the sheer volume of content within the curriculum can feel overwhelming and arbitrary to students, making it difficult for them to see the relevance and meaning behind what they are learning. This can result in a loss of motivation and enthusiasm for learning, which ultimately hinders their academic progress and personal development. In light of these challenges, I urge the committee to explore alternative schooling options that offer greater flexibility and autonomy in curriculum design and delivery. By providing more choices for families and educators, we can create learning environments that are better aligned with the diverse needs and aspirations of students. Additionally, there is a pressing need for curriculum reform that prioritises essential skills and competencies relevant to the 21st century. Rather than adhering to a curriculum that feels arbitrary and disconnected from real-world contexts, we should focus on cultivating critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and communication skills that are essential for success in today's rapidly changing world. In conclusion, I call upon the committee to champion educational innovation and reform that empowers students to thrive in a dynamic and interconnected world. By embracing flexibility, relevance, and student-centred learning approaches, we can create a more inclusive and responsive education system that prepares all children for lifelong success and fulfilment. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Jessica Forse Homeschooling parent and advocate