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Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to share my personal experience as a parent who transitioned my dyslexic son from the traditional schooling system to homeschooling, and to advocate for the preservation of the flexibility that has been instrumental in his educational journey.

We made the difficult decision to register our son for homeschooling because he was unable to access the curriculum due to his dyslexia. His struggles with reading and writing had taken a toll on his emotional well-being, leading to feelings of sadness, anxiety, and self-loathing.

Through homeschooling, we were able to choose a curriculum that was tailored to his needs and deliver it in a one-on-one setting at a pace that worked for him. This approach allowed us to meet him where he was at, rather than where the rigid structure of the Australian curriculum dictated he should be. The result has been transformative—our son can now read and engage with a wide variety of academic content, and his confidence and love for learning have flourished.

The flexibility afforded by homeschooling has been a gift to our family—one that has enabled our son to thrive academically and emotionally. I implore the committee to recognize the importance of preserving this gift for homeschooling families across Queensland. Let us continue to empower parents to provide personalized, tailored education that meets the unique needs of their children.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Wayne Goss