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Dear Committee Members,

I am a homeschooled child who faces learning challenges, and I wanted to share my perspective on the proposed mandatory Australian curriculum for homeschooling.

Learning can be a bit harder for me than for some other kids my age. But homeschooling has been great because my parents can teach me in a way that helps me understand things better. They use lots of tools and methods that work for me, like visual aids and hands-on activities.

I worry that if we have to follow the Australian curriculum exactly, it might be too difficult for me. I might not be able to keep up with my peers, and that could make me feel frustrated and left out.

I hope you'll think about kids like me who learn a bit differently when making decisions about homeschooling. It's important for us to have the support and flexibility we need to learn at our own pace and in a way that makes sense to us.

One of the coolest things about being homeschooled is that I get to learn in a way that's super fun and interesting for me. I get to explore topics I'm curious about, and my parents help me learn from things we do every day, like cooking or gardening. One of my interests is horses and learning about them, and learning to ride. If I was forced to follow the curriculum I could not follow this interest or learn to ride.

If we have to follow a strict curriculum, it might take away some of the fun from learning. I like that my education feels like an adventure, and I can learn in a way that makes sense to me.

Please think about how important it is for kids like me to keep learning fun and exciting. I hope you'll consider our voices when making decisions about homeschooling.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,