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Dear Committee,

I support the notion that every child deserves access to a high quality education. And for this reason, I must voice my concerns regarding the suitability of the Australian Curriculum in fulfilling this. While the Australian Curriculum is well-intentioned, it does not necessarily cater to the diverse needs and aspirations of all students. In a landscape where alternative educational pathways are readily available, it is archaic and redundant that homeschooled children be confined to a single curriculum. Rather, we should celebrate the richness of educational diversity and empower parents to select the approach that best suits their children's interests, abilities, and aspirations.

Instead of mandating adherence to a standardized curriculum, I suggest that resources be allocated towards funding research and innovation in home education, to explore the effectiveness of various homeschooling methodologies and curricular approaches. This would provide a better understanding of how to support homeschooling families in providing high-quality education for their children.

I encourage the committee to investigate alternative strategies for homeschooling legislation that emphasize flexibility, innovation, and parental autonomy. Embracing the possibilities afforded by digital technology and worldwide connectivity can pave the way for a more comprehensive and adaptable educational framework, empowering every child to excel in the ever-evolving landscape of our world.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Regards, Jason Jones. <u>Homeschooling father.</u>