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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum. As a homeschooling parent, I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen to homeschool.

We started homeschooling in 2022 after our son stopped eating and going to the toilet at school, after his mental health had deteriorated.

He's autistic and has adhd, the school could not support his learning needs let alone get him to a point where he felt safe, happy and ready to learn at school. The school environment was so unsuited to our son that he was constantly dysregulated and ended up in burnout at 7 years old.

After two years of homeschooling he is back to his happy self, he is now regulated so he can learn in an interest based way. The Australian curriculum isn't the best way for all children to learn.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lucy Stewart