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Dear committee,

I'm [REDACTED]. I'm in grade 8. Flexible learning has helped me. I have had a few years with the Australian curriculum. I struggled & started losing my passion for education. Flexible learning is very important. If something goes wrong one day like we get sick, we need to be flexible so that we can catch up other days, without missing out on lessons.

In primary school I worked 2 years ahead in Maths because I was bored & wanted something more challenging. I got bored of every science grade being the same so started looking for other sources. We got grade 12 & uni level science books & I love microbiology & immunology. I can do this because my curriculum is flexible.

I think more reporting on each subject would be a struggle. I love learning from science YouTube channels. My current interest is microbiology. I'm not sure how I could report on that. If I had to go back to ACARA based learning I would have to wait until after grade 12 to research all the things that I want to learn. I was too tired after that way of learning to do it & I didn't enjoy learning anymore with ACARA.

A more rigid based curriculum isn't the way that I learn naturally so it is more draining mentally.

I feel like this change will make things worse, not better. This is my story but I think every kid should have the freedom to learn the easiest way possible for them & flexibility helps with that.

Hi, I am [REDACTED]. I love Maths, Science & Art. I didn't know I loved art with the old curriculum (ACARA) because I was always told what to do. Now that I have had a chance to explore different types of art I really love it & am actually quite good at it. I have struggled to learn to read. I am getting much better & can read my school instructions this year, year 5. I love that I have not had to repeat a year just because I could not read. I love not having too many assessments because then I can keep working on a subject if I am enjoying it that day. When I had lots of assessments due I had to do small bits of lots of subjects & it was too hard to remember it all.

Please don't change the curriculum I use.

Hi, I'm [REDACTED], I am 6. I love reading books & Reading Eggs. I love getting hugs when I need them & I dance when I need a break from learning. Singing while I listen to my lessons helps me learn. I love that I can use lots of different programmes to learn to read. I love doing Maths outside & with real ingredients. Mum says I did the national curriculum for prep. I found it tiring when my school subjects were at a certain time because I had to get everything ready in time. It's hard when I can't keep learning something fun because I might miss getting my assessment done on time. I don't want to do that school again. I want to keep doing my big sister's science experiments, they are more fun.

Please don't make the changes & please keep this way of learning for me.

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