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Dear Committee Members,

I **do not** support the proposed changes to homeschooling in Queensland.

Nine of my grandchildren were, or are still being home schooled. The three who have successfully graduated from their home school are young adults who are successfully (self) employed and/or are studying at university. All are making their way in life as responsible and community-minded adults and none of them were educated using the Australian National Curriculum in their homes.

My two daughters (one has home schooled for 16 years and the other for eight) who home school four school-aged children do not follow the national curriculum but have put yearly learning programs together for each individual child. Programs that have given the children a wonderful education in all sorts of academic and non-academic ways - such as regular field trips, learning from real life, reading living books, participating in competitions, plays, orchestras, wood work classes, volunteering and more. They write programs and reports to the Home Education Unit every year that have been approved so they can continue to give our grandchildren many different ways and means of learning. To make them follow the national curriculum is unnecessary, as they are currently meeting all government requirements with their own programs and more importantly, their children are already experiencing great success and high levels of achievement, not just in school subjects, but in practical skills and life.

Also, Queensland parents should have the right to choose which kind of education they want to provide for their children. No government should be taking away this parental right and making parents prove if home education or public or private schooling is best. And how would they be expected to prove this? Aren't my daughters already proving that home education is best for their families?

Thank you for your time and I hope you realise that the current system of registration with the HEU is not needing to be changed. The freedom families have to home school in Queensland should be preserved, especially families who are already working hard to follow the rules and regulations currently in place.

Yours sincerely,

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