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We do not agree to the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation.

We don't want to use the national curriculum because the needs of our child do not fit into it. I enjoy being able to use it as one of many resources available to homeschooling families, but strict adherence to it would not work for our needs.

We needed provisional registration because my son's mental health was reaching crisis and we needed to stop subjecting him to an environment that couldn't accommodate him urgently. Our focus at that time was caring for our child. We needed the time to be able to both provide for his care and put together the materials and resources for registration.

We can't report on academic progress across all subjects every year because he is not capable of performing at that level consistently or to other's timetables.

We object to the guiding principle of proving that homeschooling is in the best interest of my child because the mental health and ultimate learning outcomes for my child are my priority. In our experience the education department's concerns are with a child attending school regardless of how healthy that learning environment is for that child and how capable they are of learning in that environment. I want him to have a lifelong love of learning and be able to pursue goals without crumbling at the first hurdle. The school system was not a helpful environment for him with those goals in mind. Individual teachers and staff really wanted to help him, but the system worked against providing him the space and timing freedom he needed.

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