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Dear Committee Members, I am 11 years old, and I have been homeschooled all my life, without the Australian Curriculum. I think that homeschooling your own way is best because it means that you get to learn more stuff than you could in school because you can learn different things at different times, depending on what you are interested in. With homeschooling you can have a lot more free time and you can study at your own pace. You can go fast and finish a weeks work in a day so you have time to play and be a kid and also learn even more stuff if you want to. Or you can go slower and take your time and if you are struggling to learn the stuff you can take a break and do something else so you can go back and get a fresh start. With homeschooling you can do your own thing and do science experiments outdoors in the bush or arts and crafts inside, like making clay sculptures. I have dyslexia and I feel like with the type of dyslexia I have, since I used to struggle a lot with reading, if I was in a classroom then I would have to do it with all the other kids and I would have had lots of trouble learning which would have made it not so fun to read. But because I was homeschooled and doing it at my own pace, I eventually decided one day that I was determined to read a book by myself and that was just a little story book. But now, less than a year later, I am reading whole chapter books by myself. This year alone, in less than 3 months, I have read 9 chapter books. I am still Dyslexic but my mum makes sure I have lots of reading time so that I can have a life long love of books and because if you can read, you can learn ANYTHING. Please consider not making it harder for homeschooling families. They are doing a great job as it is and they don't need people who don't understand homeschooling, telling them how to homeschool. There are lots of opportunities for homeschoolers to participate in things that I wouldn't have got to do in a school. The parents of homeschoolers work really hard to make sure we don't miss out on exciting things and meeting with other homeschoolers.