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As a homeschooling parent, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible benefits of providing my child with a personalized education tailored to their individual needs. My son has thrived under our unique curriculum, surpassing the standards set by the Australian curriculum for his age group. The prospect of new legislation that could restrict our homeschooling freedoms is deeply concerning to me.

Homeschooling has been a deliberate choice for my family, driven by a desire to nurture my child's academic and emotional well-being in an environment free from the anxieties and stresses often associated with traditional schooling. I've seen how the rigid structure of school caused my son anxiety and unhappiness, reinforcing our decision to homeschool.

The proposed legislation, which would mandate adherence to a blanket curriculum, undermines the very essence of homeschooling by imposing unnecessary controls and limitations. It disregards the diverse needs of families and fails to recognize the effectiveness of alternative educational approaches.

Furthermore, the forced curriculum fails to take into consideration children of different ethnic backgrounds and parents who not only wish to teach their children about Australian culture but their own and other cultures as well. Homeschooling allows families to incorporate diverse perspectives and cultural teachings into their curriculum, enriching their children's educational experience in ways that traditional schooling often cannot accommodate.

By forcing parents to conform to a standardized curriculum, this legislation threatens to stifle cultural exploration and understanding, hindering the holistic development of our children.

Instead of imposing restrictions, policymakers should focus on supporting and empowering homeschooling families. This could include providing resources, fostering support networks, and ensuring that homeschooling remains a viable option for families seeking alternatives to traditional schooling.

My advocacy for preserving homeschooling freedoms stems from a sincere belief that every child deserves an education that meets their individual needs and fosters their unique talents and abilities. I urge policymakers to reconsider the proposed legislation and work towards policies that truly support the diverse needs and choices of families like mine in Queensland.

Sincerely

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