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To the Committee,

I am writing to share my concern regarding the bill proposing change to current homeschooling requirements in Queensland.

Seven of my fourteen school-aged nieces and nephews are currently homeschooled. Six of these began in mainstream school and were removed for various reasons, including anxiety, academic gaps in learning, and issues surrounding individual diagnoses which were not suitably catered for. I have witnessed the incredible change in these children since they began homeschooling over the past two years. They are growing and maturing in a safe environment where they are known and loved, where their individual needs are met and their mental and emotional health is prospering. They are thriving academically where their mothers have sourced appropriate curriculum for their learning styles and needs.

The evidence of the success of homeschooling according to their preferred curriculum is seen in the academic outcomes of these children (and many others). They are excelling! Even in areas of difficulty, they are able to spend the time needed to learn each concept thoroughly, something which was not possible at school and resulted in falling further behind.

As a teacher, I have seen the limitations of the one-size-fits-all Australian curriculum in catering for a diverse range of students. I have witnessed and experienced firsthand the frustrations teachers face every day in teaching an overpacked curriculum with nowhere near the necessary amount of time to teach foundational concepts effectively. There is nothing more disheartening for a dedicated and passionate teacher than to see her students falling behind and not understanding key concepts in literacy and numeracy, yet being forced to push ahead in order to meet other, less important, curriculum requirements.

It is clear the real problem exists in the current education setting and Australian curriculum. Why are our literacy and numeracy rates so low and continuing to fall? Why are so many families sacrificing careers, income and time to choose to homeschool their children? These are the questions that need to be asked and addressed.

Please support our dedicated homeschooling families by allowing them to continue to select appropriate curriculum for their children which cater to their diverse needs and assist them to not only achieve success academically, but to thrive mentally and emotionally as well.

Regards,

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