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Dear Education Committee Members,

As members of the community, who also have grandchildren who are homeschooled, I do NOT support the proposed Bill presented to parliament by Di Farmer.

We support ensuring that all homeschooling children are given a high quality education however we do not support this by requiring every child to do the standardised ACARA curriculum. Homeschooling provides the ability to provide an individualised curriculum that suits the needs of each child. Whilst ACARA may be the national curriculum, it is designed for the classroom and not for individuals. It will limit the learning ability that these homeschoolers are able to access. Parents are homeschooling their children in the way that meets their needs best - and are easily able to access ACARA if they choose, among other curriculums. Taking away their free choice of what curriculum to use does not ensure high quality education. The only way to ensure each child is getting a high quality education is to actually read the plans and reports that are sent to HEU, which the government has not committed to do.

Thank you for listening to our feedback and for making the necessary changes to the Bill to ensure that high quality education is met, without requiring one curriculum only to be used.

Sincerely,

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