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Dear committee members,

I have concerns about some of the proposals in the current education bill.

I am an adult who attended public school, who has a partner who was homeschooled, and I spend most of my week with her and her family. As such I have been able to see the realities of homeschool life and compare it to the education I received at public school.

Watching my partners' siblings homeschool has opened my eyes to the limitations that school places on children's learning. Some of these limitations come directly from the content of the national curriculum. There are boxes to tick, lessons that need to be taught at certain year levels and content that was so dry I instantly forgot it.

This is just not the case for homeschooled children. I have sat in on some lessons as an adult and learnt enthusiastically about Vikings and King Charles the Simple, or been fascinated by discussions of Eastern philosophy. I've learned more about myself in one goal-setting and core values discovery session during a well-being class than in living a year of living my life. These kids have it right. Homeschooling is fabulous just the way it is. It would be a disservice to the future to limit them with the national curriculum.

It is likely that one day, my own children will be homeschooled. I want them to experience the rich variety, free choice and diversity of content that my partner experienced in her education. Because frankly, it was a lot more fun than mine and a lot more successful.

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