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Dear Government,

I'm writing to you about the changes you're talking about making for homeschool families to use the Australian curriculum. I left school in grade 4 and I've homeschooled for one and a quarter years. There are many benefits in homeschooling like freedom, one on one teaching time and a different way of learning.

Fristly, we have the freedom to learn at all different times. I can have mental breaks and activity breaks whenever I need them. We can choose our own curriculum because I personally like lots of activities and colour, so Mum can choose school books that help me learn the best. We have the freedom to go to lots of places and do hands on work, like Lego Robotics engineering, Acrobatics, Art classes, Musical Theatre classes, singing lessons, Science shows, playing netball and touch football, piano lessons, etc. If we were made to follow the Australian curriculum we wouldn't have the spare hours and freedom on our hands to do all of these fun learning activities.

Secondly, when I was in school I didn't get as much help as I needed for my subjects. I didn't understand and enjoy school as much as I do homeschooling because now we can get one on one help and feel comfortable in asking for it. When you are homeschooled, you can take the time you need to learn a specific concept and not rush into more complicated questions until you're ready. For example, when I was in school my teacher taught me division which I didn't understand and then the next week we were learning long division, which I wasn't ready for because I didn't understand normal division yet. Now I can get the help I need when I need the help for any subject and understand it properly before moving on. I am a visual learner and like to see it and do it with my hands so Mum makes sure I get to do a lot of that when I'm learning.

The benefits of homeschooling means we can experience a new way of learning subjects and improve in a lot of them. It felt like the way I was taught in school was more complicated because now Mum explains things to me and shows me videos to help me understand things in a way that makes sense to me. As a family, we are learning Geography where we look at all the different countries on every continent around the world. Each week we make a meal together from a country we've been learning about. My favourite meal I made with my family was sausage rolls and pasta where we made everything from scratch. It brings us closer together as a family as well as learning more. We learn in lots of other ways such as going to the zoo every few weeks to focus on animals from different continents. We went to the city this week for the World Science Festival where we visited the Museum and SparkLab and learnt heaps of amazing Science facts. We also often go to art galleries, libraries, bush walks, and homeschool social groups. Our other main learning happens every week in book work, games, video clips and documentaries.

In conclusion, the freedom of homeschooling is amazing. The one on one time has really benefited me with Mum teaching me a new way to look at schoolwork. I love homeschooling the way we are now and I do not want it to change. It should be the homeschooler's choice if they want to follow the Australian curriculum or have the freedom to follow their own curriculum. Thank you for reading my letter.

Your Sincerely,

