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Dear Members

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes that would require homeschooling families to adhere to the Australian Curriculum.

As a grandparent, I am grateful and overjoyed to be watching my grandchildren flourish in a homeschooling environment and to be a welcomed participant myself.

Their parents and the homeschooling community are tailoring their education both emotionally and knowledge based to suit their individual needs and interests. Being semi-retired, I have been able to observe this approach not only provides them with a unique quality of education but also fosters important life skills and more importantly socialisation with diverse age groups. The children/parents/grandparents converse, mentor and support each other across all ages.

Imposing the Australian Curriculum on homeschooling families would be a step backwards, limiting the flexibility and effectiveness of homeschoolers education.

Instead of imposing restrictions, I urge you to consider inclusion within education, the needs of the individual children and families and why so many families have chosen homeschooling. Please respect the decision of homeschooling families to educate their children in a way that best suits their needs.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely



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