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To whom it may concern,

I object to the inclusion of a guiding principle which removes my power as a parent to make the best choices for my neurodiverse children. Secondly, I am very disappointed and concerned to learn of the proposed change to remove provisional registration, as this time to create a plan for my children was critical as a family to readjust and carve out a path forward.

No one knows what my children need better than their parents. After years of trying to support our children in the school system we began homeschooling urgently, at a crisis point of their mental health and leaving half way through grades 3 & 4.

We have valued the flexibility and time afforded to allow our children to feel relational safety after prolonged school trauma. Our boys are now independently pursuing educational interests and supported with rich learning opportunities as their mental health has stabilised.

In conclusion I hold serious concerns to the inclusion of the National curriculum as the definition of a high quality learning. The National curriculum is not a suitable substitute for the carefully created, individualised education my children currently receive and require to thrive. I am also gravely concerned that the autonomy and expertise of the homeschool parents are not being supported by the proposed legislative changes.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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