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I do not agree with the proposed changes outlined in the the bill.

Our family chose to homeschool for personal and religious reasons. Traditional schooling which follows a national curriculum is not in alignment with our values and how our children learn best. We believe that we reserve the sole right to educate our children using the methodology and resources that suit our family.

My six year old daughter has positively thrived since we began our homeschooling journey twelve months ago. She is reading fluently, writing basic stories and can easily understand basic mathematic concepts. Her ability to transfer her learnt skills to different external environments has been significant.

We also homeschool our four year old daughter and plan on continuing her education via homeschooling. She is thriving across all areas of her global development.

We are a devout Catholic family and incorporate religion into many aspects of learning and education. Morality is the pinnacle of why we homeschool. Our daughters are respectful, kind and considerate children.

As a family, we operate three small businesses. We have made significant financial sacrifices in order to homeschool as it is a priority for us. Keeping our children out of the school system allows us to educate them individually, and further it reduces the load on the government. Our family consistently contribute positively to the community around us.

We don't want to use the national curriculum because there are countless ways to teach a child the same core literacy and numeracy content.

We object to the guiding principle of proving that homeschooling is in the best interest of our children because ultimately as parents we reserve the right to make that judgement.