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## INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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Partially Confidential

To whom it may concern:

I wish to make a submission of comment regarding outcomes of home schooling including in relation to transition to further study and work.

My sisters and I were homeschooled in NSW between the years 1995 and 2007. My older sister went to the University of Newcastle and graduated as a doctor of medicine. She is now a qualified GP. I went on to do a Bachelor of Arts by correspondence, followed by a Diploma of Education at the Australian Catholic University in Canberra. My two younger sisters did a variety of TAFE courses and entered the workforce.

I am now the mother of 5 children and have chosen to homeschool them. My oldest two children are in Kindergarten and Year 2.

The decision to homeschool has been swayed by my own experience (a very good one) and by my inclination towards strong involvement in my children's education.

My husband is a serving member of the Australian Defence Force and so homeschooling is a boon for our family in this respect, as we travel a lot.

One of the first questions I am asked by people is if homeschooling them will negatively affect their future chances at tertiary education and/or work. In my experience, it certainly does not. In fact, I feel that my homeschooled education is what led me to want to become a teacher.

I appreciate the Government's support of our family's educational choices and hope that this support will continue with consultation with homeschooling families.