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## **INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING**

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To whom it may concern,

I write with regard to the Inquiry into Home Schooling.

Having taught at Victoria's Monash University for almost six years has enabled me to interact with many young adults, including some who were home schooled.

When I was younger, I thought that home-schooling was somewhat weird, but having witnessed in a University environment, the difference between children who were home-schooled versus those who went through traditional schooling, I can without hesitation say that I fully support the choice to home-school. Many home-schooled children are head and shoulders above traditionally schooled children in their eagerness to learn and their ability to think creatively. Home-schooling is something which I would seriously consider for my own family, and I am concerned that further government expansion into this area without clearly defined purpose or reason tends towards bureaucratic overreach, wasting both time and money of parents and taxpayers.

In conducting your investigations, I would humbly ask that you err on the side of parents who wish to do the best by their children, and approach any regime change with a light touch.

Kind Regards,  
Leslie Hughes