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Dear Sir,

## **Changes to Homeschooling Exemption Form**

Our attention was recently drawn to some changes made to the Ministry of Education's Homeshooling Application Form. A new, third page has been added to collect detailed information on the child's previous early childhood education experience, if any.

We were surprised that the Ministry is collecting information on homeschoolers' ECE attendance as it was never found necessary before. Will you advise for what purpose this information is being collected?

Yours faithfully,

The Home Education Foundation of New Zealand per:

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