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## **Inquiry into E-PET-077-25: Access to 11-12 ATAR language courses in 2026**

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To: Standing Committee on Social Policy

Dear Sir / Madam,

My daughter, [REDACTED], has studied Tamil since the age of four. For over 11 years, she has worked toward her goal of including Tamil as a major subject for her Senior Secondary Certificate and ATAR. This is not a hobby; it is a core academic commitment and a vital part of her identity.

In 2025, my daughter utilized the "Early Enrolment" pathway through CIT and the BSSS. After being officially enrolled and attending two classes, she was abruptly told she could not continue. This "eviction" from her studies caused her immense emotional distress and shell-shock. It took considerable time and family support for her to recover her confidence and return to a normal state of mind.

Having remained resilient despite last year's setback, my daughter was preparing to re-enroll for Year 11 Tamil in 2027. The recent confirmation that CIT is closing enrolments has devastated her once again. This instability is actively harming her mental well-being and her overall academic focus.

Victoria and NSW maintain stable, government-supported frameworks for heritage languages. It is unacceptable that students in the nation's capital are denied the same equity of opportunity provided to their peers across the rest of Eastern Australia.

I urge the Assembly and the ACT Government to replicate the Year 11 & 12 ATAR pathway within the ACT Education Directorate starting February 2027 to ensure no student is left behind. Create a permanent model that prevents students from having their enrolments revoked mid-study.

Sincerely,

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