

Education (General Provisions) Amendment Bill 2025

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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendment to the education bill concerning the upper age limit for homeschool registration. The current regulations create significant challenges for families like mine, and I believe it is essential to address the inequities that older students face in pursuing homeschooling. My son, who is 16 and in Year 11, competes in representative school sports for squash. Under the current legislation, he will be deregistered by the Education Department at the end of this year, as he will turn 17. This means he will miss the opportunity to complete Year 12 and, consequently, be unable to compete with his teammates in their final year. The final year is particularly significant in representative squash, as students are often appointed as team captains and receive commemorative gifts at a special presentation evening in recognition of their contributions over the years. I wholeheartedly support the proposed changes that would allow home-educated students to complete Year 12, ensuring they have the same opportunities as their peers. Providing equitable access to homeschooling options for students of all ages is vital for their educational success and well-being. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.