

Education (General Provisions) Amendment Bill 2025

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Dear Members of the Parliamentary Committee, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed amendment to the Education (General Provisions) Amendment Bill 2025, which seeks to extend the enrolment age for homeschooling students from 17 to 18 years. This amendment is of critical importance to families like ours. Our daughter (who has aspirations of becoming a teacher), along with many other homeschooling students, is at risk of "aging out" before she has the opportunity to complete valuable educational programs such as school-based traineeships and TAFE at school initiatives. These programs are vital for her development, skill-building, and preparation for future employment opportunities. Homeschooling provides an educational framework tailored to individual needs, and extending the enrolment age allows students to take full advantage of their schooling years. This amendment would ensure equality of opportunity for homeschooling students and align them with their peers in traditional school settings who are afforded the chance to complete their education without unnecessary barriers. I strongly urge the Committee to support this amendment. It represents a small but significant change that will have a profoundly positive impact on the lives of homeschooling students and their families. Thank you for considering my submission. I am happy to provide further details or discuss this matter if needed. Yours sincerely,

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