Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament.

As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on the homeschooling community. Strict adherence to the Australian Curriculum for homeschoolers will not provide quality education for every child. Last year we began on this path for my year 7 child, but one term of government provided curriculum aligned lessons actually destroyed his life long love of writing and instilled in him an attitude of just doing the bare minimum to pass.

This year we are still following 2/3 of the curriculum but have allowed space for him to pursue subjects that excite him, and he is reigniting his passion for learning. He is currently studying an open university course on Greek mythology and passing very tough exams, as well as teaching himself python coding via free youtube courses. Sticking to the curriculum would not allow a thirteen year old to study at university level or to get job ready with current computer technology.

My child is neurotypical, so I can only imagine how much more limiting the curriculum is to those who are neurodiverse. Please allow homeschoolers to tailor their education plans to their children, there is already an established system in place to monitor and assist in this regard. Teachers have extensively trained in order to teach the curriculum, we homeschooling parents have no such expertise, but are uniquely positioned to understand our own children. Thank you for your consideration.

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