

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Education, Employment, Training and Skills committee;

I hope this email finds you all well. I am writing in response to the proposed legislation regarding home schoolers, which will directly affect my family.

As a homeschooling family we do not agree with the proposed changes to the Home Education Unit, particularly the implementation of the ACARA.

A high-quality education, is an education tailored to the child. One size fits all is never an acceptable option. The curriculum does not cater to individual needs and learning styles, and as a result my eldest child was left feeling anxious, depressed, isolated, and embarrassed that he could not “keep up” with his peers – even with additional support in school!!

Consequently, my sweet child struggled tremendously outside of school hours and was extremely anxious, depressed, withdrawn, exhausted, highly emotional and cried every day. Our “free time” was spent consoling him, and recovering from the days at school. He was not able to attend social groups or extracurricular activities, we were predominantly house bound. Life was miserable, it was heart wrenching.

Since registering with the HEU my child’s self-worth and confidence have sky rocketed. We are no longer house bound, we can access the community, we can engage in an array of social and learning opportunities, my child is so much happier, and he can now learn without fear of failure and punishment.

We can tailor learning to my child’s individual needs and give him the time and support he deserves.

By removing our right to an individually tailored and completely supported education, you are setting my child up for failure, with a multitude of mental health complications to follow. No

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child deserves to struggle because of a one size fits all education system.

Please seek guidance and opinions from the home education community. We know our children best, and we are 110% committed to raising highly educated, well rounded, confident, and happy people who will contribute to society.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration, I look forward to your response on how we can truly consider the best interests of not only my child and his mental health, but all children within the homeschooling community, when introducing new legislations.

Kinda regards,

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