

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I greatly oppose this legislation as I believe the 'best interests for the children' should be determined by their parents not the government. This is an overreach and will just force more families underground as they already don't trust the education model. We homeschool because we don't want to use the national curriculum. It is failing anyway and kids are refusing to go to school.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee](#)
Subject: Objection to the proposed homeschool regulations
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Hi there,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed legislation changes to the homeschool requirements. I strongly believe this will negatively impact our homeschool experience and hinder our ability to choose a curriculum we see fit which matches our child and their individual needs.

I also feel this is government overreach into the way I choose to educate my child. The government has a right to know that my child is being educated and what that looks like which is the current reporting model... but outside of that the government respectfully has no say. That decision lays solely with the parents and respectfully we do not co parent with the government.

Our homeschool regime for my five year old currently looks like this. Monday: free learning day , Tuesday: homeschool meet 11-3/4pm with heaps of other homeschool families Wednesday: gymnastics then free learning Thursday montessori daycare until her private tutor comes back from overseas Friday montessori daycare until her private montessori tutor comes back. Plus every single day even on the weekends we go to the park in our estate from 4-7pm and she plays with the neighbourhood kids. This is much more enrichment that would she would be getting at school.

She is extremely socialised I have correspondence from her gymnastics coaches that she is advanced and ahead in all skills. I have correspondence from the accredited montessori daycare that she is also advanced as she's doing grade one and can already write, sound out and then write , write in between the lines etc etc. Which they are not taught until grade one. So I would be doing my borderline gifted daughter a disservice by holding her back by going to school as she's way ahead of her peers. They all comment on how well socialised she is, confident, willing to try new things and loves making new friends. Prior to the last few weeks she had never been to daycare ever.

I did montessori with her since she was 6 months old. Dr Maria Montessori did not patent her work and therefore it's in the public domain for anyone to access. We also enlist the help of a montessori tutor.

I am concerned that montessori won't be considered part of 'the Australian curriculum'. I'm concerned with how this legislation could be interpreted as the wording is very vague.

Parent need to be free to make these sorts of decisions for their children. I don't agree with gender inclusive language and it has no place in my home where we have strong Christian values and god created man and woman. We also incorporate bible studies in our homeschooling and prayer.

I disagree with a lot of these 'woke ideologies' being pushed in our schools and is a big part of why we choose to home educate. My daughter won't be taught to be ashamed of her race. I want to install strong Christian values and morals in my child aswell as strong lifelong connections with good kids where I know the kids and their parents etc. This can't happen if she's in school. Also given the situation with the pedophiles in public and private schools as well as daycares I do not trust the school system sorry. School is not an option for my daughter she has sleep apnea aswell as adhd and is not suited to school.

Please do not change a system that isn't broken. It's actually thriving. Which is more than I can say for public schools with 40/50% of kids failing the naplan and not being on par with where they should be. The national curriculum clearly has flaws and isn't working. Putting more regulation on homeschoolers isn't going to fix that.

Warmly
Natalie Willmot

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Natalie x
