

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my opinion regarding the proposed amendments to the Education Bill that has recently been presented to Parliament. As a parent of children that are educated at home I do not support changes to the legislation that would require home education programs to align with the National Curriculum. The proposed legislation implies that students who are home educated are only receiving high quality education if the approved education and training program is the Australian Curriculum or senior syllabus or TAFE or RTO or a mix of these. This is just not true. The current reporting process with Home Education Unit (HEU) allows us freedom to create a high quality education plan and report that follows our children's interests and fosters creativity, diversity and a love of learning. One of the main reasons that we chose to home educate is so we could create a child centred plan free from dictation. For my children having a sense of purpose to their learning is very important. If, for instance, we need to include language in their education plan, because it's one of the learning areas in the curriculum, but my children are not interested or ready to learn a language, then I believe that will only create resistance and adversity instead of having opportunities to extend on their interests and see what we discover on the journey of home education. For our family learning can happen anywhere and anytime and this flexibility works for my children. I also want to state that I agree with most of the proposed changes to the legislation regarding home education. It is my recommendation that S217 standard conditions remain as per the current legislation. I believe that having to align with the National Curriculum creates expectations that while set out to create high quality education, don't allow for the extension and creativity that the minds of the future generations need and crave.