Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Mr Barry O'Rourke,

I am writing to express my heartfelt concerns regarding the proposed changes to homeschooling regulations. While I wholeheartedly support the pursuit of a quality education for our children, I refuse to comply if it means sacrificing the individualized learning that has been paramount to my children's success.

My children thrive in a homeschooling environment precisely because they have the freedom to focus on their areas of interest. Traditional schooling failed to meet their needs, with rigid schedules, standardized curriculums, and constant distractions hindering their learning experience. There is a high number of neurodiverse children in our community that just cannot learn within these restrictive and inflexible systems. The decision to homeschool is often made from necessity to remedy mental health, anxiety, and issues around bullying.

In contrast, homeschooling has allowed my children to excel by tailoring their education to their specific interests and learning styles. They are learning and functioning in and from our community, equipped with real-world experiences. Learning effective communication skills, and a keen sense of self.

As their biggest supporter, I understand how to deliver a high-quality, flexible, and tailored education that nurtures their unique talents and passions. The proof of its success lies in their ever-expanding understanding of concepts and their ability to manage their time and energy without sacrificing their well-being.

Imposing rigid regulations on homeschooling families would only serve to stifle this individualized approach to education and negatively impact many families like mine. Instead, let us focus on celebrating and encouraging our children's unique skill sets, rather than wasting time trying to appease authorities for the sake of ticking boxes.

I urge the committee to reconsider these proposed changes and to prioritize the preservation of individualized education in homeschooling.

Thank you for	your consideration.
Sincerely,	
	Homeschooling Parent and Advocate