

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Di Farmer MP and Esteemed Committee Members,

I trust this message finds you in good spirits. I am reaching out to express my reservations regarding the suggested alterations to home education policies, particularly the mandate to strictly adhere to the standardised curriculum.

While I acknowledge the intention to uphold educational standards for all children, I am convinced that imposing a uniform curriculum on homeschooling families may not be the most effective strategy. As a parent engaged in homeschooling, I have witnessed firsthand the benefits of tailored learning plans crafted to suit the unique needs and passions of my children.

It is crucial to acknowledge that the surge in homeschooling enrollment is not merely a passing phenomenon but a reaction to the limitations of conventional schooling methods. Numerous children, including those with diverse learning requirements, have encountered setbacks within the current educational framework, compelling parents to explore alternative avenues.

My son, who thrives in the homeschooling environment, would find his potential stifled by a rigid curriculum. At home, his individual learning style and talents are embraced, enabling him to cultivate his strengths and pursue his interests without constraints.

I implore you to reconsider these proposed amendments and redirect attention towards addressing the underlying issues within traditional educational structures. Schools ought to foster inclusivity and accommodate the varied needs of students, rather than mandating conformity to a standardised curriculum.

Moreover, the additional burden of reporting on all subjects imposes unnecessary stress and workload on homeschooling families. The time spent compiling these reports detracts from valuable teaching and learning moments and does not necessarily add value to my child's education.

Additionally, my family sees value in receiving a certificate as a record of our homeschooling journey. This certificate serves as a testament to our dedication and commitment to providing our child with a high-quality education tailored to their individual needs.

Should you wish to delve deeper into my experiences and apprehensions, I am more than willing to arrange an in-person discussion. Gaining insights from firsthand perspectives of homeschooling families could offer valuable guidance in shaping more effective education policies.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my input on this matter. If you wish to discuss this matter further please reach out to me on [REDACTED]. I am optimistic that through collaboration, we can ensure that every child has access to educational opportunities conducive to their development and prosperity.

Warm regards,

Shari Smith.