

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

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Every other system that involves children is based on the principles of "best interests of the child", even if it inconveniences adults involved. Why is the education system any different? Parents are recognised as those best placed to understand the needs of their children. Why are they now expected to follow an outdated and restrictive curriculum that quite frankly does not meet the needs of many children? Both of my children far exceed the standards of the curriculum for their age- by the current standard we could study for a day, and take the rest of the year off. However that would not serve the "best interests of the child". Similarly, because they both "can" schools leave them alone to "do". They do not challenge them in any way. Home-schooling has allowed me to support my (then) 13 year old in their choice to pursue enrolment in university (which their "alternative private school" kept discouraging). Home-schooling allows my 10 year old to study senior mathematics in peace, rather than the primary school maths that bores them to tears. Why does the government want to take that away from them? Studying to ACARA standards at home, or going back to school means my children will stop learning and being challenged, as they both far exceed the standards laid out in this document. The love for learning they currently have will be extinguished. This will not be in their best interests. Education is not a one size fits all concept. It should never be imposed as such, and in the vast majority of cases parents are best placed to know what their children need to excel. Do not take that choice away.