

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed changes that will undoubtedly have detrimental impacts on my family and, more importantly, on my children's ability to receive a high-quality education through homeschooling. As a dedicated home educating parent, I implore the committee to undertake more extensive consultation with homeschooling families before moving forward with these changes. The proposed changes represent a significant oversight of the skills, capabilities, dedication, and knowledge that home educating parents bring to their children's education. We are deeply invested in our children's academic success and well-being, and it is disheartening to see our voices marginalised in the decision-making process. As home educating parents, we understand the unique needs and learning styles of our children better than anyone else. We have carefully crafted educational experiences that prioritise individualised learning, critical thinking, and personal growth. The proposed changes threaten to undermine our ability to provide the high-quality education that our children deserve. The essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it affords children to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my children's autonomy and hinder their ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs. One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide our children with a personalised learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity and allows them to learn at their own pace. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle their natural inclination to explore and discover the world around them. I urge the committee to reconsider its approach and to engage in meaningful consultation with homeschooling families to ensure that our voices are heard and our concerns are addressed. Together, we can work towards policies that respect the autonomy of homeschooling parents and support the diverse needs of our children. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.