

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee members, I am writing to express my complete opposition to the proposed changes regarding homeschooling regulations, particularly the requirement to adhere strictly to the Australian curriculum. While I wholeheartedly agree that every child deserves a quality education, I firmly believe that imposing a standardized curriculum on all homeschooling families is not the solution. Every child is unique, with different learning styles, interests, and needs. As a homeschooling parent, I have experienced firsthand the benefits of tailoring the curriculum to suit the individual needs of my children. By having the flexibility to customize their education, my children have thrived academically and personally since leaving the traditional school environment. They have been able to delve deeper into subjects they are passionate about, explore various learning resources, and learn at their own pace. In essence, the curriculum we have chosen for them is far superior to what they were following in school. I understand that the Australian curriculum serves as a guide for homeschooling families, but mandating its strict adherence would only hinder our ability to provide a personalized and effective education for our children. These proposed changes would undoubtedly have a negative impact on my children's learning outcomes, as well as the learning experiences of many other homeschooling families. Also forcing some families underground, leaving more space/exposure for unhealthy and illegal environments to flourish.

Furthermore, I want to address any misconceptions or stereotypes surrounding homeschooling. In my experience, homeschooling parents are deeply passionate and invested in their children's well-being and education. The homeschooling community is vibrant, supportive, and dedicated to providing the best possible educational experiences for our children. In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider these proposed changes, remove the adherence to *acara* and instead support the individualized education that homeschooling provides. Let us continue to tailor our children's education to meet their unique needs, interests, and abilities. As a dedicated home educator I request a response outlining details of who exactly will be discerning the submitted reports, their title and qualifications in this area? Who decides when and where an individual child is better suited to obtain the highest quality of education, and will each child be evaluated in person by said acting body if this legislation passes? Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.