

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I wish to express my concerns to the proposed amendments to the Education Legislation, specifically in relation to Home Education and how it affects my child. We made the decision to home educate our daughter when she was half way through year 8. She was not thriving in the school environment, her school being over-crowded, under funded, teachers with little to no control over students, many classes just being viewed on YouTube, bullying rife with disruptive students dominating classrooms and teachers attentions. She did not receive the support she needed in the classroom, or elsewhere, and her education absolutely was suffering. Once we had researched and planned for what Home Education would look like in our household, and were confident we could meet and even surpass the needs of our daughter, we made the intentional leap. Her brother completed year 12 at high school, but honestly may as well not have for the good it did him. We encouraged him to persevere and he did, to his credit, but he certainly was not prepared for the real world, he was not ready for further education, and really was left with no clue what to do next. Our daughter has aspirations for further study and her subject choices are not ones that would be well supported by the current curriculum. Home education means that we can tailor our daughters study to suit her chosen path, providing excellent opportunities for learning, far beyond what could be achieved in a classroom environment. Please reconsider the changes planned to the home education system. Home School families have their children's best interests at heart, they can and do deliver high quality education, providing one on one attention, care and support which is simply not possible at school. Home education is certainly not for everyone, it is a lifestyle choice among many other things, and I would like to know how implementation of the Australian curriculum is intended, when home school parents are not teachers and do not have access to the same resources as schools. Will there be testing? Will our kids be entitled to ATAR for further education, if held to the same standards? In conclusion, I do NOT support the changes proposed, and urge you to reconsider. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely, Caroline O'Hagan Homeschooling Parent