

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee Members, I am writing to you regarding my concerns in relation to the proposed changes in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024, pertaining specifically to homeschooling. As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am concerned about the impact that they will have on my family and the broader homeschooling community. I am particularly concerned about the proposed requirement for home educators to use the national curriculum (ACARA). The Australian Curriculum is an extensive document that has been tailored for the education of large groups of children in a school environment. This is not in alignment with or conducive to a 1-on-1, practical and hands on learning style which is generally at the core of homeschooling. It is this 1-on-1 basis where the parent is acutely aware of the abilities and interests of their child and therefore know which areas to explore or improve if required. The freedom to choose our own curriculum, programs and learning styles is the foundation of a high quality and lower stress education that is tailored specifically for our own children. Additionally, requiring homeschoolers to follow the Australian Curriculum is restrictive considering that homeschoolers have access to a multitude of successful programs and resources from all over the world. My family has only just begun our homeschooling journey this year with our 5 year old. This was a researched and measured decision with the best interests of our child's well-being (including educational, mental and emotional development) at the forefront. The proposed amendments requiring homeschoolers to use ACARA will not support my child's individual educational needs. This will negatively impact his quality and content of learning in addition to his eagerness to learn. I'm concerned that the proposed changes in the legislation has been introduced without proper transparent consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue. Sincerely,