

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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As a home educating father, I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes to education legislation, particularly the necessity for complying with the national curriculum and the way it jeopardises our continued ability to home educate. I have seen the countless hours that my wife already invests in planning for our home school and reporting on our children's progress, as the primary educator. I do not want to see her drowned in the complexity of adhering to the national curriculum, while also striving to include the deep and rich learning experiences that are benefiting our family already. Additionally, increasing the breadth of reporting requirements as this legislation proposes will only take more of her time away from educating our children. I foresee this legislation being disheartening and difficult to comply with, making it almost impossible for many families to home educate. Home education has been a wonderful choice for our family. Since beginning home schooling, I have greater engagement with my kids about their learning. I can participate in their education in a tangible way, learning about and discussing interesting topics in history and science together. Under our current curriculum and educational philosophy, I have seen my children's vocabulary and verbal skill become significantly more sophisticated, my son become a reader and my daughter thrive. Our children are already receiving a rich, tailored education under the current laws. Restricting the curriculum will only serve to restrict and diminish their education. I am concerned that this legislation has been devised without proper consultation with current home educating families and I hope you will take my feedback into consideration.