

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. As a home educating parent, I am dedicated to providing high-quality education to my children in a manner that is individualistic and considers their unique learning styles, passions, and talents.

Home education allows me to tailor my children's education to meet their specific needs and interests, fostering a love for learning that is often difficult to achieve in traditional school settings. By embracing a more personalised approach, I have seen my children thrive academically, creatively, and emotionally.

The proposed changes in the Bill threaten the autonomy and flexibility that are essential to the success of home education. They impose unnecessary regulations and restrictions that would hinder my ability to provide a tailored education for my children. Furthermore, these changes fail to recognise the diverse ways in which children learn and the importance of nurturing their individual strengths and interests.

The proposed changes focus on mandating adherence to a standardized curriculum without looking at the reasons many families choose to home educate. For education to be inclusive of all students, I feel it is imperative to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of many families who struggle to fit into mainstream education.

I am concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current home educating families. I urge you to reconsider these changes and to instead support policies that promote and protect the rights of parents to choose the best educational path for their children. High-quality education can be achieved through a variety of methods, including home education,

and it is crucial that we preserve the freedom to educate our children in a way that honours their uniqueness and supports their growth and development.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Emma Sage