

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system.

As a home-educator teaching multiple children for the last 18 years, having been surveying, investigating, assessing, and utilizing various teaching materials from domestic and overseas educational resources, I consider myself a well-informed and profoundly trained teacher.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, about student welfare - - every human being is uniquely wired differently. In terms of learning style, certain people are auditory, others are visual and some are hands-on. And countless people's learning styles are a mix of the them. As a parent-teacher I can tailor the curricula and choose the study materials to suit each one of my children's needs. Teacher autonomy is utmost important in this regard.

Moreover, I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of educators, parents, students, and community members to be heard and considered in any decision-making process that impacts our schools.

Additionally, from the evidence of my children's excellent academic achievements, and how well they grow up as fantastically functioning members of the Australian society, I owe them to the teacher autonomy of being a parent-teacher at home.

Homeschool parents, mostly mothers, are sacrificing their paid careers and personal development to stay at home for the betterment of their children and the safety of Australian society in numerous ways. For one thing, youth crimes are extremely rare among devoted homeschooling families and home-educating communities.

Considering these concerns and evidences, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritize the best interests of our students, teachers, and schools. I implore you to advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking that values input from all stakeholders and ensures the integrity and quality of our education system.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response and to further dialogue on this important issue.

Sincerely,