

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, Like many others, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation changes for home education, in particular the push for standardised curriculum.

As a homeschooling parent, I value the freedom to choose the most suitable educational approach for my child. At the beginning of a school year and throughout, I witness my wife spending hours researching and looking through different curriculums and activities. She carefully selects the one/s that she believes will best match our daughters' learning styles, individual interests and strengths. I have seen my children not just thrive with this customised education, but thoroughly enjoy their schooling! How can the Australian Curriculum be more effective than this approach when every Australian child is unique? Another personal concern that my wife and I have is how this will affect our family unity. For our non-core subjects, we love to do family studies together. For example, we have been learning about the solar system for science this term. I believe these joint lessons are some of my children's favourite and most memorable because they get to experience it together. It is such a joy being able to hear them use this new knowledge in their discussions as well as later in their play. I don't know how these moments will be possible in the future if they are only allocated to learn about space in "Year 2". Doesn't it make much more sense to learn about the same topic as a family and modify activities to be age appropriate for each child? Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. Sincerely, Daniel Moss