



Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Chris Whiting,

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.

I am a Registered Nurse, Provisional Psychologist, carer, mother. I am currently a home educator to my 13 year old son who was not able to be supported in mainstream education due to lack of specialised support with his ADHD, ASD- PDA behaviours, he suffered PTSD due to the mainstream and the alternative school options that we had tried prior to commencing home education via the HEU.

As a parent of a neurodivergent child, we have spent hundreds of hours consulting with numerous specialists and allied health experts to determine how to best educate our child. Unfortunately, what my child required was just not able to be achieved by mainstream education. My child learns best with a project-led learning style. This enables him to become deeply immersed in an area of interest and this will often cross at least 5 key learning areas. Adhering to the Australian Curriculum would render this impossible for my child, and to this date, has been the only learning style that he has successfully engaged in.

As a homeschooling family, we have tried using the Australian Curriculum to educate our child, both at school and at home. It just doesn't work for our child. To this date, we have been fortunate to have the flexibility to choose how we provide a high-quality education for our child, and our once struggling and disengaged child is now thriving.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, its potential effects on funding, curriculum, and more importantly student welfare.

Considering these concerns, 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,

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