

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament. As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on my family and the homeschooling community. As an active participant in the homeschool community, we participate regularly in multiage learning co-ops and group activities. We regularly capitalise on instruction and lessons from other parents, community members and experts in their fields. Sometimes, this sparks interests and passions within our children and we are able to go away and deeply explore an area of interest. It isn't hard to see that the best learning happens when children are engaged, interested, and passionate about a learning opportunity. Enforcing the Australian Curriculum will severely limit this opportunistic learning and stifle the ability for us to engage in impactful education as we would need to resort to "checking boxes" across 8 or more subject areas and be dictated by a direct age/year level content. The absolutely beautiful part of home educating is the ability to meet each child where they are at and lead them one on one to a true love of learning. Every child is unique. Imposing a standardized curriculum fails to recognise the diverse talents, interests, abilities, potential, environment to thrive, and learning styles of our children. I respectfully urge the committee to reconsider these restrictive measures and instead focus on supporting families in providing a rich and diverse educational experience tailored to the needs of each child. Thank you.