

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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The proposed amendments concern me greatly. In particular: 1. The requirement for homeschooling families to plan and report in accordance with the Australian Curriculum. Not only does this mean more work for homeschooling parents and the HEU, it removes the part of homeschooling that SAVES the education of many children. Following the curriculum at home is NOT in the best interest of all children. s271 changes are most concerning. 2. How is the wording 'be consistent with' going to be interpreted and will the its interpretation be consistent? What provisions/flexibility will there be for homeschooled students who may have surpassed ACARA and are moving to higher learning? 3. The proposed Bill discriminates against students with disability, neurodivergence, gifted / high IQ, and potentially those who choose home schooling for health and/or religious reasons The Australian Curriculum is an incredibly complex document that has been tailored to educate children in schools. Many schools employ curriculum specialists to interpret and implement this document. This is an arbitrary, onerous task to put on homeschooling parents who do not have access to that level of expertise. In order to implement this, we would need to base our learning off over-simplified text books, rush through topics and stop the practical, hands-on nature of our learning. In a 1:1 setting, this is not a high quality education.