

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Members of the Committee, 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 currently homeschooling my son; we are registered with the home education unit. I have seen firsthand how individualised learning plans have a positive impact on the education and well-being of my child. Following his interests means full participation, enthusiastic learning and retaining relevant information much better than dictating what he should be learning according to the curriculum. The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, many children would not be at grade level within the curriculum, some would be ahead in areas and behind in others. We do follow the curriculum, but not at grade level, a grade level that the home education unit decided that my child is, purely based on his date of birth. One of the best parts about homeschooling is the child being able to progress at their own level, higher or lower than the curriculum states they should be at. Following the curriculum fully is restrictive for our children. 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 children's education. Considering these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritize the best interests of our students. I implore you to advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policy making 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. Sincerely, Ria Ward