

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation, particularly the inclusion of the Australian National Curriculum, extensive reporting requirements, and limitations on academic advancement beyond the national curriculum.

As an adult homeschooling graduate, I firmly believe that the proposed inclusion of the Australian National Curriculum in our legislation is unnecessary and restrictive. Homeschooling families should have the autonomy to tailor their children's education to their unique needs, interests, and learning styles, without being constrained by a standardized curriculum. It would limit academic advancement beyond the national curriculum and could stifle the intellectual growth and potential of homeschooling students who excel beyond the prescribed curriculum. Much of my high school years were spent learning content well beyond the scope of ACARA and I had no trouble succeeding at university.

The added requirement for more extensive reporting and demonstrating educational progress in every subject area is burdensome and impractical. Homeschooling families already invest significant time and effort in crafting personalized learning plans for their children. Mandating extensive reporting not only adds unnecessary stress to parents but also detracts from valuable learning time for students. The paperwork in Queensland was always a burden on my mother. Additionally, the implication that homeschooling parents must constantly prove that homeschooling is in their child's best interest undermines parental autonomy and trust.

The provision allowing the Home Education Unit to request reporting for times when families are not registered is just invasive. This overreach of authority could disrupt the natural flow of homeschooling education and create unnecessary tension between homeschooling families and regulatory bodies.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to reconsider these proposed changes and to listen to the concerns of homeschooling families who are deeply invested in the education and well-being of their children. I believe that homeschooling offers a unique and valuable educational experience that should be respected and supported by legislation, not undermined with limitations.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Tiana Smith

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