

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to you regarding the new education bill that will effect thousands of homeschoolers.

As homeschoolers we are choosing to take on the responsibility of our children's education. We take this responsibility very seriously. My children have had experiences that they could never have had in a formal school setting. This has been deeply beneficial to their whole person.

My eldest son has homeschooled now for 10 years. He is currently in grade 11 and has already completed a certificate 3 in hospitality, and certificate in community services whilst also completing his grade 10 studies. This year he is completing a cert 3 in ministry and theology and doing his grade 11 school work.

Home-schooling has provided my son the opportunity to follow his passions in history and allowed him to volunteer at a local soup kitchen every Thursday for the last 3 years. My son has helped serve meals to our community's most vulnerable people during school hours whilst completing his school work.

My son has never been the type to sit and do 'busy work'. The work needs to be meaningful, he needs to see its purpose in his life. We have very successfully managed to allow him to follow his passions in history whilst weaving every subject into his love of history.

Home-schooling allows us to tailor our children's education to their needs. This new bill will take away our ability for a high level education. The current school system does not allow for an individual approach to our students and home-schooling does. Forcing the national curriculum on homeschoolers does not serve any benefit to the homeschooled student but only serves to ease government department's paperwork load.

I would like to see the research that you have gathered that explains how this change will benefit homeschoolers and also the evidence and studies showing that the National Curriculum is serving Australia well. We left a system that is continually failing students and have since been thriving at home.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my requests.

Sincerely