

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum. As a homeschooling parent, I firmly believe that these changes undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the preferred mode of education for our children.

As parents of a neurodivergent child, we have spent hundreds of hours consulting with numerous specialists and allied health experts to determine how to best educate our child. We have also liaised endlessly with his former school to try to implement these plans and recommendations. Unfortunately, the school could not achieve what my child required, and in 2020, we unenrolled him and registered him with HEU, which was the best decision we could have made.

My child has made extreme progress with his Maths and English these past few years and learns best with the flexibility of a project-led and interest-led learning style.

Homeschooling enables him to become deeply immersed in a particular area of interest, and this will often cross many key learning areas. Adhering to the Australian Curriculum would render this impossible for my child.

The essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it affords children to learn in a manner that aligns with their interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my child's autonomy and hinder their ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs.

One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide our children with a personalised learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity and allows them to learn at their own pace. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle their natural inclination to explore and discover the world around them.

By imposing rigid educational requirements, we risk depriving children of opportunities to pursue their passions and develop their full potential.

In essence, these proposed changes would undermine the fundamental principles of homeschooling and limit my child's ability to learn and grow in a way that honours their individuality and creativity. As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my child's education, I 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 for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Homeschooling Parent.