

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to you as a concerned grandparent regarding the proposed changes in the education system, particularly the imposition of the national curriculum on homeschooling families like my daughter's. Having witnessed firsthand the remarkable progress and growth of my grandchildren through home education, I cannot stress enough how detrimental these changes could be to families like hers. My daughter made a thoughtful and well-researched decision to homeschool her children, and it has proven to be a profoundly enriching experience for them. My daughter invests countless hours ensuring that her children receive a rich and diverse education tailored to their individual needs and interests. I have seen my grandchildren thrive in ways that I never thought possible within the confines of a traditional curriculum. One of my grandchildren, in particular, has shown exceptional aptitude in mathematics, far surpassing what the standard curriculum would cover for his age group. His understanding of complex concepts such as multiplication, division, and 3D shapes is truly remarkable. It would be a disservice to him to confine his learning to arbitrary grade-level standards. My daughter diligently documents and shares her children's progress with our family through various means, demonstrating the depth and breadth of their learning experiences. The level of detail and engagement she provides far exceeds anything I ever received from her school reports when she was a child. The proposed changes to enforce adherence to a standardised curriculum seem unnecessary and counterproductive. It undermines the very essence of why my daughter chose to homeschool her children in the first place – to provide them with a personalised and holistic education that nurtures their individual talents and passions. I implore you to reconsider these changes and acknowledge the diverse needs and circumstances of homeschooling families like hers. Education is not a one-size-fits-all approach, and imposing rigid standards on homeschooling families only stifles creativity and innovation. Let us not sacrifice the flourishing of our children's potential for the sake of bureaucratic checkboxes. Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I sincerely hope that you will take action to support and preserve the freedom of choice in education for families like hers.