

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing a submission to express concerns about the proposed changes to the Education Act, particularly with regard to homeschooling families like my daughter's. Firstly, I want to emphasise the tremendous impact homeschooling has had on my grandkids. It's been a truly enriching experience, and the suggested changes (specifically in regards to requiring home schoolers to follow the Australian curriculum, and the related reporting) would disrupt the progress they've made. My daughter's decision to homeschool has been nothing short of incredible for my grandkids. When I was a student in school, I struggled to understand why things had to be done in a certain way, in a certain order. I'm thrilled that my grandkids are not restricted by these same schoolish ideals. Asking her to modify what she does with her children so they have to go back to this archaic approach just doesn't make sense. It seems that enforcing a curriculum goes against the very essence of why my daughter chose this path – to provide her children with a personalised education that nurtures their individual talents and interests. What I find most remarkable about my grandchildren's education is the wide range of experiences they're exposed to. They visit museums, art galleries, and engage in activities that spark their curiosity and drive their learning forward. It's evident that they're absorbing knowledge far beyond their years and what they would if they were required to follow a certain set of standards. As well as this, the way my daughter documents and shares her children's progress is truly impressive. She goes above and beyond, providing detailed insights into their learning journey that surpass any school report I've ever read. She has expressed a deep concern that the extra reporting requirements would make it more difficult for her to do what she needs to do with her kids. I urge you to listen to home educators when you make this decision that impacts them.