

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

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Dear Mr. Smith

I am 12 years old and home educated.

I am writing this letter to tell you that I do not approve of the changes to the Homeschooling legislation.

Im glad I escaped from the educational system. I was constantly get bullied, harassed and not heard. I would become very stressed about assignments and their due dates, NAPLAN, waking up early and being forced to make friends.

We shouldn't have to follow the Australian Curriculum, there is too much stress put on children. You are forced to hurry and not take the time to learn what is taught. That is why I chose to be homeschooled.

Homeschooling has made me relax, choose my own friends (which I have a few great lifelong girlfriends now), be more comfortable, safer environment. I can wake when I want, eat when I want and go to the toilet when I need to. I enjoy homeschooling because it gives me freedom and flexibility. My mum is patient and takes her time to understand my needs. SHE is the best teacher ever!

I do not EVER want to go back to school because it causes too much stress and anxiety!!!

The Australian Curriculum does not support us homeschooled kids so it shouldn't be changed. We want to learn what and when, we want and how we choose to learn. Not a curriculum forced on us.

Thank you committee and Mr. Smith for considering my concerns.

Regards,

