

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Submission No: 302
Submitted by: Wendy Lander
Publication:
Attachments: No attachment
Submitter Comments:

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee](#)
Subject: Subject: Homeschooling Success and Real-World Preparation: A Parent's Perspective
Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 5:43:24 PM

Dear Committee,

I am writing to share my firsthand experience as a homeschooling parent and to emphasize the invaluable learning opportunities that homeschooling has provided for my child. In light of the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation, I believe it's crucial to highlight the positive impact that homeschooling has had on my children's love for learning and their preparation for the real world.

As a parent 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 liaised tirelessly

with his former school to try to implement these recommendations. Unfortunately, what my child

required was just not able to be achieved by their school. My child learns best with a project-led learning

style. This enables him to become deeply immersed in an area of interest and this will often cross

at least 5 key learning areas. Adhering to the Australian Curriculum would render this impossible for my

child, and to this date, this has been the only learning style that he will engaged in. Researching and facilitating home education takes a lot of time and energy, but we have decided to follow this path with our child

because they just couldn't work with the Australian Curriculum. As a parent, it would be substantially easier to just enroll my child into distance education but we have already discovered that

this method of learning would be detrimental to my child and our family.

Since embarking on our homeschooling journey, I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in my child's attitude towards education. The personalised learning approach we have adopted has reignited their passion for learning and instilled in them a newfound confidence in their abilities. Rather than merely memorizing facts and figures, they are actively engaged in exploring topics that spark their curiosity and

pursuing knowledge in a way that resonates with them personally..

Through homeschooling, my child is not only acquiring academic knowledge but also developing essential life skills and values that are essential for success in the real world. They are learning how to think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt to new situations—all skills that will serve them well beyond the confines of a classroom. Moreover, homeschooling allows my child to actively participate in the world around them, gaining practical experience and insight that simply cannot be replicated in a traditional school setting.

Whether it's volunteering in the community, pursuing hobbies and interests, or engaging in real-world projects, they are actively preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

.Additionally, there is a pressing need for curriculum reform that prioritises essential skills and competencies relevant to the 21st century. Rather than adhering to a curriculum that feels arbitrary and disconnected from real-world contexts, we should focus on cultivating critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and communication skills that are essential for success in today's rapidly changing world.

In conclusion, I call upon the committee to champion educational innovation and reform that empowers students to thrive in a dynamic and interconnected world. By embracing flexibility, relevance, and student-centered learning approaches, we can create a more inclusive and responsive education system that prepares all children for lifelong success and fulfillment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Wendy Lander

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]