

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament.

As a parent, I do not support the proposed changes to the home education legislation, namely that all home educated children will have to follow the Australian Curriculum. I am concerned about how these changes would impact home educating families and children.

The Australian Curriculum is an incredibly complex document that has been created to educate children in schools. Many schools employ curriculum specialists to interpret and implement this document. Home educating families don't have access to this level of expertise. In order to implement this curriculum, many families would need to base their children's learning on over-simplified textbooks, rush through topics and stop the practical, hands-on nature of home learning. In home education, being able to provide children with flexibility and 1:1 learning are some of the reasons why families choose to home educate, and changes to this would lower the quality of the home education program provided.

For many families, being able to tailor the educational program to the needs of their child is very important, particularly in the case of families home educating children with special needs.

Researching and facilitating home education takes a lot of time and energy, but many families have decided to follow this path with their children because the children don't respond to the Australian Curriculum. Parents do chose to home educate because their child is unable to follow the Australian Curriculum, due to special needs or learning disabilities. They are given a higher quality educational program through being able to individualise their learning curriculum topics, materials and resources.

And lastly, according to recent research collected by the Home Education Unit (2022), two out of three home educating families have chosen to do so because of an underlying disability or health issue. For these children, studying under the Australian Curriculum is not providing them a high-quality education or meeting their immediate needs. They have chosen to home educate, to tailor an individual curriculum because of the flexibility it affords. This enables families to educate and care for their children in a manner that suits their learning style. Most of these students have left mainstream schooling because they could not learn in a traditional learning style/follow the Australian Curriculum.

I would urge you to maintain a level of flexibility and choice for home educating families, and allow them to have options for educating their children, other then ONLY the Australian Curriculum.

Thank you for your time in reading my submission.

Yours sincerely,



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