

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Committee,

I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

My child attended school for most of the primary schooling years, where he developed anxiety due to the pressures put on by the curriculum and its overloaded content whilst being provided with very little support. Since having left the school system and stepped away from the curriculum I have been able to provide a relaxed learning environment, with the freedom to flexibly cater to all his interests in learning and also cater it to his specific learning styles. With this specific home environment and relaxed delivery of education, we have seen a significant reduction in the anxiety that was present with the classroom curriculum and seen him flourish into a confident person.

If this bill in its current form was to be passed, it would have an impact on everything that we have achieved so far in our homeschooling journey and would definitely be a backwards step, filled with emotional struggles again and reliving the past traumas that the classroom curriculum caused, restricting us in our freedom of choice when it comes to educating our children, also having a detrimental effect on not just us, but the tens of thousands of children across the state currently registered and every child after them.

As a parent we know our child best, just as what was shown in the development of the Ryan's Rule for the health system, we should be afforded the respect with knowing what our child needs in education and being able to deliver this with flexibility and not dictated to a way that we know already failed our child.

Kind regards,

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