

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the homeschool legislation.

With so many children failing in the school system, I am doubtful that a high level of education is truly being achieved by using the Australian Curriculum. Homeschoolers have to submit detailed plans and reports that are personalised to each child. Nurturing a love of learning based on a child's interests in a safe, loving environment. Why change this?

As a former Home schooling parent I am astounded that these changes are being considered. My daughter at age 12 had gone through the primary school system only to find that her literacy and numeracy were substantially low only attaining a grade 4 level.

This prompted me to remove her from the school system and address her issues of learning.

We spent three years homeschooling where she was able to bring her literacy and numeracy to the expected level and beyond that of the Education dept requirements. She returned to Main stream schooling to complete her senior years to attain ATAR scores for University. At one stage she even vocalized that she felt dumbed down with the education in mainstream. No life skills are taught regarding her and no education in finances. Nothing has prepared her for managing money, taking out loans etc To her advantage, these were things that we covered in our home schooling and believe it has put her in good stead for when she completes yr 12 this year. Even though my children have been through the mainstream system I am of a strong opinion that My daughter had the advantage over her brothers who floated through the education system and failed miserably. My regret is that I did not do the same for my boys. For some children can not thrive being educated using the Australian Curriculum.

Please can you advise how and why this decision to restrict homeschoolers to learning under the Australian Curriculum has been made? What percentage of the homeschool community was contacted and consulted with regard to this proposed change? What advantages do you believe bringing our homeschoolers in line with the curriculum would be?

Many homeschoolers go on to university and further, and are at no disadvantage to society or themselves.

I hope you will reconsider your perspective and not limit our focus and opportunities. I look forward to your response.

Yours Respectfully  
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