

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Legislative changes regarding home schooling

I wish to express my concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our State. As one of your constituents and a very concerned grand father who has contributed to the community over many years, I would like to strongly voice my apprehensions about the likely result of these changes on our grandchildren.

The proposed legislation raises many pressing issues that I believe need to be considered carefully. Firstly, not every child or family is comfortable with the one size fits all type of education. I feel my grandchildren are getting a very balanced and high quality education and are now excelling in their learning with less distractions and more time to cover the foundations of reading writing and arithmetic. They also experience much less anxiety, bullying, low self esteem etc and are happy active children, fully involved in other activities like sport, music, and volunteering as well. A quality education can be delivered apart from the current Australian curriculum, which is over-packed, and I am seeing this happen before my eyes with my well -balanced, home educated grandchildren.

I am concerned that the legislation has been rushed without consultation with current home-schooling families and I hope that you will take this into consideration. Therefore, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and keep in mind the best interests of all students and to be inclusive of the needs of some families who find mainstream education a struggle and not a good fit for them.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, and implore you to revise the legislation to allow home-schooling families the freedom to follow the curriculum which works best for their children and family situation. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Yours sincerely



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