

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Education Department – *“Home Education Unit”*

Re: - *Changes to the Homeschool Legislation as Proposed in the
“Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amedment Bill 2024”*

Hi - Everyone

My name is [REDACTED], I am eleven next week, I have been “home learning” since 2022,

My experiences at big school were so bad that I still suffer anxiety and the mere mention of returning to big school makes me hide in my bedroom, it still makes my heart pound, I am very traumatized by what happened almost daily, I changed schools to get away from all the nasty students, who would yell at me,

- Bullying – I was punched in my back by another student (other students as well) that was in Prep, that student followed me to years 1 and 2,
- Bullying / Stealing – repeated almost daily by three girls students from another class, who would threaten and abuse me if I didn't hand my tuckshop money over,
- Head Injury – Where was the teachers supervision when I got a big egg head and was rushed to the Doctors by my Mum,
- There was a student who threatened my friend with a knife and was going to slit her throat, I was in Grade 1, Nan reported it to the teacher as I didnt want to return to school,
- I suffered from “nits” constantly, Nan could never get rid of them, I would have all my hair shaved off over the holidays and return to school with no nits only to come home in a few days with them,

School should be a great place, it is not, I do not feel safe there, so I am staying home and am going to be with my family, who love me and don't yell at me.

My Nan does an great job teaching me, is patient with me as I have many learning difficulties with Math and Writing, explains everything to me, that never happened at school the teachers would rush through the work, I could never hear the teacher with all the noise in the room, school is no place for me when all they did was ignore me.

Before you tell my Nan how to teach in the way you want, you should tell all the school teachers first.

Thank you for reading my letter, I have signed it, so you know it is me, [REDACTED].