

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system. I am the mother of a Profoundly Gifted (99.99th percentile on the Stanford Binet Intelligence Scale) 6 year old who I am currently homeschooling. This was not an easy choice to make. However, we were not able to find a school that could adequately cater for his academic, social and emotional needs. The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. First and foremost I am concerned about the suggestion that all homeschooling families should follow the Australian Curriculum. Currently, the home education unit assigns a child a grade based on their age "for administrative purposes". However in practice my Grade one child is currently learning, Physics and Algebra. He reads at a 9th grade level and is an avid piano player. My son is an exceptional little boy who excels at everything he tries. As a baby he was very intense and hyper aware from the very beginning. He has always loved books and began reading independently at the age of 2, without any coaching. He seemed to pick it up naturally while watching and listening to me read to him. His reading skills have expanded rapidly and he is now able to effortlessly read and understand chapter books with complicated story lines like the "How to Train Your Dragon" series. He wants me to tell you that he has memorised one of the longest words in the world and it's his favourite word: pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. If we are forced to follow the Australian Curriculum, I would effectively be forced to stop teaching my child anything. Moreover, I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of educators, parents, students, and community members to be heard and considered in any decision-making process that impacts our schools. Although at first glance our case might seem like an outlier it has been my experience that a large number of families who choose to homeschool are doing so because the curriculum can not meet the needs of their children. In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritize the best interests of our students, teachers, and schools. I implore you to advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking that values input from all stakeholders and ensures the integrity and quality of our education system. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response and to further dialogue on this important issue. Sincerely, Ameera Krushanth