

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I make this submission to ask only one thing of you: To listen to the voice of homeschooling families opposing many of these changes. These are parents who have made countless sacrifices to strive to bring kind and well educated young adults into the world. With a daughter due to begin her schooling pathway in 12 months, my wife and I already take on the responsibility of delivering an environment in which she can thrive (having not used daycare). I made her first desk myself, we implement our own self audits as educator parents, and stay heavily invested in understanding her as a person to deliver an environment rich for her to grow. I believe in teaching all subject fundamentals and far more. I want her to understand the tree and not just the leaves, so that she can excel in any pathway she chooses when entering the workforce. This is why the forcing of the Australian Curriculum is such a concern. Rigid in its nature, it prevents the opportunity for us to go beyond what I had exposure to in my schooling years. I want to leverage her personal interests to compound comprehension of the topics. To cross pollinate ideas between subjects and allow her to develop understanding that isn't simply memorisation for an exam. As a working father, I already dedicate all 'spare time' towards creating incredible learning opportunities, and know that additional reporting would only add additional strain to families like ours. I agree every child should have a safe environment. I would even welcome HEU visit our home to satisfy this aspect if necessary. But adding excessive reporting amongst a rigid system (that schools employ groups just to interpret themselves), seems to remove any opportunity for us to actually deliver a high quality experience. Please take the time to listen to the voices of others who have chosen a far more challenging path for the betterment of their children. These people give far more love and dedication to their children than many others in the conventional system. We as a family take this journey seriously and ask that you focus on creating a policy that celebrates the families willing to be selfless and dedicated. I think we could all agree, this is needed more than ever in today's society. Regards, A QLD Father