


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a concerned family member, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on my niece and nephew and homeschooling community.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Reverting to the rigid, one-size-fits-all learning plan as the mandated Australian Curriculum will not allow home educated children to receive the rich, personalised and inspiring education that is possible in homeschool settings. I believe allowing children to be home educated in a way that fosters their interest, engagement and enjoyment in learning, can only be a positive move for Australia to remain creative, innovative and competitive in an ever-changing world.

According to recent research collected by the Home Education Unit (2022), two of three home educating families have chosen to do so because of an underlying disability or health issue. For these children, the Australian Curriculum is not providing them a high-quality education or meeting their immediate needs. They have chosen this avenue because of the flexibility it affords. This enables families to educate and care for their children in a manner that suits their learning style. Most of these students have left mainstream schooling because they could not learn in a traditional learning style.

I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritise the best interests of our students. For education to be inclusive of all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who struggle the most to fit into mainstream education.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Sincerely

