

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Robert Molhoek,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum.

As a homeschooling parent, I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the preferred mode of education for our children.

The essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it gives children to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my children's independence and hinder their ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs.

One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide our children with a personalised learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity and allows them to learn at their own pace. This is one of the main reasons we choose Homeschooling. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and hinder their natural learning to explore and discover the world around them.

Furthermore, enforcing a standardised curriculum fails to recognise homeschooling students' diverse interests and talents. It overlooks the fact that every child is unique and may thrive in different subject areas or learning environments. By imposing rigid educational requirements, we risk depriving our children of the opportunity to pursue their passions and develop their full potential.

In essence, these proposed changes would not only undermine the fundamental principles of homeschooling but also limit my children's ability to learn and grow in a way that honours their individuality and creativity.

As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my children's education, I urge the committee to reconsider these restrictive measures and instead focus on supporting families in providing a rich and diverse educational experience tailored to the needs of each child, which the National Curriculum cannot provide.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Bailey – Homeschooling Parent