Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee members,

I do not support the proposed changes to the homeschool laws. I do not believe that ACARA is a higher standard than the curriculum that I have sourced. I have spent countless hours researching and trialling different curriculums to best suit my children.

My two older children have attended mainstream schooling and left there with many gaps in their learning. It has taken me years to catch them back up to an appropriate level. The Australian Curriculum does not benefit their learning, and if anything just hindered them.

The reason this bill was created was to help streamline the reporting process and ease HEU's job. Reporting with evidence demonstrating educational progress on ALL subjects from the plan is more work for both us and HEU. If HEU don't intend to read all our paperwork, which was suggested in consultation, that is very inequitable and creates pointless hours of work for us.

I am also concerned that there will no longer be a certificate sent out with registration meaning that I, and all others who receive Centrelink, will potentially have a devastating impact on proof of exemption for work.

The proposed bill is also potentially discriminatory. Discrimination against -

- Disability
- Neurodivergence
- gifted/asynchronous development
- Other reasons for choice health, religion, personal choice

Thank you for your time and opportunity for input, Vanessa Grant