

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed alterations in homeschooling legislation, particularly the insistence on adhering to a specific curriculum. I'm a homeschooling parent of 8 years, and my husband and I strongly believe that these revisions oppose the very essence of why many families, including mine, opt for home education as the preferred educational method for our children. The core principle of homeschooling lies in the freedom it grants children to learn in a manner that suits their individual needs, interests, capabilities, and learning preferences. By mandating a prescribed curriculum, these proposed amendments would obstruct their capacity to pursue education in a manner that best accommodates their requirements and severely hinder their learning, growth and independence. Enforcing a standardized curriculum fails to acknowledge the diverse needs, interests and talents of students. It disregards the fact that each child is unique and may excel in different subjects or learning environments, or with different types of presentation of information. Over the years, leveraging quality curriculum that suits my specific children to meet their specific needs at a given point in time has been pivotal to us in making sure that they were receiving a high quality of education. We absolutely believe that our children's level of education and engagement would be far less than it is today if they were forced to learn using ACARA. By imposing inflexible educational standards, we run the risk of depriving our children of the opportunity to receive a high quality education. As homeschooling parents deeply committed to my children's education, we implore the committee to reconsider these restrictive measures and instead concentrate on assisting families in providing a rich and tailored educational journey that's suited to each child's needs. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.