

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to share my firsthand experience as a homeschooling parent and to emphasize the invaluable learning opportunities that homeschooling has provided for my child. In light of the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation, I believe it's crucial to highlight the positive impact that homeschooling has had on my children's love for learning and their preparation for the real world. I also think it is vital to highlight that the proposed changes do not in any way help to ensure that children receive a high quality education.

Since embarking on our homeschooling journey, I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in my child. He is extremely happy, content, engaged and inspired. The personalised learning approach we have adopted has reignited his passion for learning and instilled in them a newfound confidence in their abilities. Rather than merely memorising facts and figures, they are actively engaged in exploring topics that spark their curiosity and pursuing knowledge in a way that resonates with them personally. We aren't even finished Term 1 and he has completed two terms of maths in his math text book, has completed numerous projects, is busy planning a charity trivia event to raise money for conservation, has attended a presentation by an inspiring woman who completed her PhD on the endangered Sun Bears in Borneo, learnt how to cook various meals, created beautiful objects at Clay Club, and he also plays tennis and horse rides.

Through homeschooling, my child is not only acquiring academic knowledge but also developing essential life skills and values that are essential for success in the real world. They are learning how to think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt to new situations—all skills that will serve them well beyond the confines of a classroom. Our child is also gaining great benefit from being supported to further build and grow his social skills – the current schooling approach does not give teachers the knowledge or time to properly teach and support

these skills as they are so focused on working through and testing the prescribed curriculum, and this is, in my opinion, to the great detriment of students, teachers, and the community at large. This is a key concern for me and my husband as no matter what path you take in life, whether you become an accountant, vet, painter or nurse, we all need strong, helpful and resilient social and emotional skills.

Moreover, homeschooling allows my child to actively participate in the world around them, gaining practical experience and insight that simply cannot be replicated in a traditional school setting. Whether it's volunteering, pursuing hobbies and interests, or engaging in real-world projects, they are actively preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to recognise and celebrate the diverse benefits of homeschooling, which go beyond mere academic achievement. Before making any decisions, connect with home schooling families and children in real life and see the amazing things they are achieving and accomplishing. See how settled and emotionally well the children are, and see how unbelievably committed and dedicated the parents are - it is at great sacrifice to parents to homeschool their children and they do not make the decision lightly. Also, I encourage you to read articles such as this [one](#) to learn about the true outcomes of a home education.

As a homeschooling parent, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to nurture my child's love of learning and to prepare them for the complexities of the real world through personalised, holistic education.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,  
Kylie Dawson  
Homeschooling Parent