

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, 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 affords 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 child's autonomy and hinder his ability to pursue education in a way that best suits his needs. One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide my 12 year old son with a personalised learning experience that fosters his intellectual curiosity and allows him to learn at his own pace. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle his natural inclination to explore and discover the world around him. Furthermore, enforcing a standardised curriculum fails to recognise the diverse interests and talents of homeschooling students. 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 child's ability to learn and grow in a way that honours his individuality and creativity. As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my child'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. Thank you for considering my concerns. Sincerely, Steven Dair