

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I am 13 years old and I have been home schooling for 6 years. When I used to go to school, I remember feeling bored and annoyed that I had to learn what they told me to. It wasn't interesting and I felt like I was forced to learn it. Following the Australian Curriculum restricts students on what they can learn.

I also didn't learn how to read properly. I just learned all the sight words and had to memorise what all the words looked like. I didn't know how to read the small chunks of a big word to sound it out.

When we started home schooling, we had to go back and catch up on everything that I had missed. Now I have caught up and I actually really like big words like

pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, which is the longest word in the dictionary and I can actually pronounce it! I also like the Lake in America that is called Lake

Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg, which I can also pronounce! 😊

Now that I homeschool, I can learn what I want to and when I want to do it. When I wanted to learn about birds, we spent a whole term learning about bird classification, their different species, their wing structure, their habitat and aerodynamics. It was really interesting. We also went bird watching which was fun.

I get to go to an English class where everyone in the class reads the same book and then we come back each week and talk about it. We also talk about the themes in the book and we learn about the history, the people and place where the book is set. All the kids in the class are really nice and the ages range from 11 to 14 years, and they are all my friends. We have learned about the Russian revolution, old folk tales from different cultures, the Korean War, and lots of really weird and cool topics.

I really love learning about these things, but they do not follow the Australian Curriculum. 😞

Before you make your decision, please remember that making us follow the curriculum could change our lives, and I really like the way that it is right now. So please don't make us follow the Australian Curriculum!

Thank you for reading my submission.