

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am the grandfather of homeschooling children and I oppose the proposed legislation, AKA Poppy.

Particularly I oppose the need to use the national curriculum and to prove that homeschooling is in the best interest of the child. I ask you this- WHO decides this, and what say do I have if I disagree with them?

We have a mix of both homeschooled, state and private schooled grandkids. Its been a fascinating time, watching them all grow in their educations.

My homeschooled grandkids all seem to be happy and enjoying their education. Not all my schooled grandkids can say that. They seem to get a wide range of educational experiences. Some of those make me quite jealous to be honest! They did wakeboarding for sport one term, silversmithing for art, had an excursion to Thailand, learnt woodturning to make wooden pens, excelled in competition archery, taekwondo and gymnastics and have friends of all ages. I'm pretty sure these things are not part of the curriculum you propose they now use.

None of these children were educated to the national curriculum. It just isn't enough to meet their thirst for learning and adventure.

My homeschooled grandkids are smart cookies.

- Two of them began uni at 13 and 14.
- One completed a diploma at 16.
- One completed a cert 4 at 16.
- One is doing a cert 3 at 16.
- One is studying nursing now at 19.
- And one is studying teaching now at 18.

None of them needed this national curriculum to achieve their goals. All would have been slowed down by it.

This legislation shows a lack of understanding of the outcomes and success homeschool children currently have without these restrictions and so I oppose it.

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