

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Subject: Education for neuro-diverse children. Dear Committee Members, As I wholeheartedly agree that every child deserves access to a high-quality education and I know something of the complex needs of children with health and learning differences, I have reservations regarding the adequacy of the Australian Curriculum in fulfilling this fundamental right. As a therapist of young children working with predominantly neuro-diverse children, I understand that they typically need specialised learning programmes. Many of my clients have individualised learning plans. Two parents have chosen to homeschool so they can choose the educational approach that best suits their child. In both instances these children experience anxiety. Choosing an approach that suits the learning style of the child has seen dramatic, positive results in their ability to engage in therapy, socialise and progress academically. In conclusion, I urge the committee to consider alternative approaches to homeschooling legislation that prioritize flexibility, innovation, and parental choice. By embracing the opportunities presented by digital technology and global connectivity, we can create a more inclusive and dynamic educational system that empowers all children to thrive in the 21st century and beyond. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Bethany Stapleton