

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

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### Submitter Comments:

As someone deeply committed to my children's education, I have chosen to homeschool them, recognising that the traditional educational system may not always be the best fit and can sometimes be detrimental. Over the years, I have had the privilege of homeschooling three children, each with their own unique learning styles, interests, and needs. These experiences have given me valuable insights into the challenges and rewards of homeschooling. Living in Victoria, we are fortunate to have a system that does not restrict or mandate a specific curriculum but instead encourages us to focus on the 8 key learning areas. My children have successfully completed their homeschooling journey without following a set curriculum and are now happy and thriving. I am passionate about ensuring that all homeschooling families can continue to enjoy the freedom and benefits that homeschooling offers. When the Victorian regulations changed in 2017, home educators like myself were able to provide input on the new guidelines. The establishment of the Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee (VHEAC), in collaboration with the Department of Education (DE) and the Registration Authority (VRQA), has ensured that children receive a quality education while allowing for flexibility in their learning approach. I strongly believe that without firsthand experience, it is difficult to fully understand the complexities of homeschooling and determine the necessary legislative measures to ensure homeschooled children receive a high-quality education. It is not just about enforcing strict curriculum requirements but about creating an environment that empowers parents to deliver personalised, holistic education tailored to their children's unique needs and aspirations. In conclusion, I urge the committee to approach homeschooling legislation with a deep understanding of the experiences of homeschooling families and a commitment to providing all children with a quality education that meets their individual needs. By listening to the voices of homeschooling parents and advocating for policies that support flexibility, autonomy, and inclusivity, we can build a more equitable and responsive educational system for all. Thank you for considering my perspective.