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 legislation that seeks to impose restrictive measures on homeschooling families by forcing them to adhere to the Australian Curriculum. I do not support the legislation proposal, as it undermines the autonomy and effectiveness of homeschooling in meeting the unique needs of my children.

Furthermore, I disagree with the notion that a quality education is defined solely by adherence to the Australian national curriculum. Our homeschooling approach goes beyond the confines of the curriculum, allowing our children to explore advanced subjects and pursue their interests in a manner that is tailored to their individual learning styles and aspirations. It also means that my children are able to understand a lot of concepts with math, English, and science by participating in our family business, in an age-appropriate way. If they were stuck inside following the curriculum they would be missing out on valuable real-life experiences where they can put into action all that they have been learning in their homeschooling lessons.

I am deeply concerned about the short-sightedness of these proposed changes and the lack of consultation with homeschooling families. I will not stand idly by while my rights as a parent to educate my children in the manner I see fit are infringed upon. Our children's education is not up for negotiation, and we will fiercely defend our right to provide them with the best possible learning experience. Hands off our kids!

Sincerely,

Homeschooling Dad