

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

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Members of the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed amendments included in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024, particularly concerning the mandatory use of the Australian Curriculum for Home Education and the requirement for comprehensive reporting across all subject areas.

As a husband who works diligently to provide for my family, I have had the privilege of witnessing the dedication and commitment my wife has shown in home educating our children. She has invested considerable time, effort, and love into tailoring their education to meet their individual needs and interests. The proposed requirement to adhere to the Australian Curriculum disregards the unique educational journey my wife has crafted for our children and undermines her expertise as their primary educator.

Furthermore, the proposed obligation for comprehensive reporting imposes an undue burden on my wife, who already shoulders the responsibility of managing our household and providing our children with a nurturing and supportive learning environment. Home education has allowed our family to embrace flexibility and creativity in our approach to learning, and imposing rigid reporting requirements would detract from the quality of education our children receive and place unnecessary strain on my wife.

These changes would not only disrupt the harmonious balance our family has achieved but also undermine the autonomy and freedom of choice we value in our children's education. My wife has made significant sacrifices to prioritise our children's learning and well-being, and it is disheartening to see her dedication potentially hindered by bureaucratic measures that fail to account for the diverse needs and preferences of families like ours.

I firmly believe that parents, like my wife and I, are best positioned to make informed decisions about their children's education. We have entrusted our children's learning to my wife because we believe in the value of personalised education that nurtures their individual talents and interests, aligning with our family's standards and culture. It is essential that any changes to education legislation respect and uphold the rights of parents to choose the educational path that best suits their family's needs.

In light of these concerns, I urge the members of the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee to reconsider the proposed amendments and engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders within the home education community. It is vital that the voices of families like ours are heard and respected in the decision-making process.

Thank you for considering my objections. I trust that you will take the necessary steps to safeguard the rights and interests of all families involved in home education.

Sincerely,

Peter Laning