

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. I am a full-time single mother of two, who has chosen to homeschool as I believe it is the best choice for my family. I stopped working so I could focus on providing my son an education with amazing learning and social opportunities, while providing a safe, and supportive environment where I can cater to his needs. Learning one on one is beneficial for him as he is getting the full support and attention to thrive and succeed in whatever he is learning, compared to a classroom where he will struggle, become bored and disruptive. I object to the guiding principle of proving that homeschooling is in the best of interests of my child because I should not have to justify why I've chosen to home educate. I find it concerning that parental rights will be taken away should anyone other than a parent choose and enforce how that child should be educated. My child is thriving and learning in a safe environment at home, whereas a school cannot provide that. If he is forced to go to school, it will disrupt his life and he will lose his love of learning. We don't want to use the national curriculum because it does not suit my child's needs and it does not align with our values and beliefs. My child has trouble focusing and engaging when he isn't interested in a topic, which is why I believe following his interests is very important. I cannot report on academic progress across all subjects every year as it will cause unnecessary stress and take away valuable time educating my child. I hope you will take this into consideration.