

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes that would require homeschooling families to adhere to the Australian Curriculum and requirement for parents to prove that home education is in the best interest of the child. As a grandparent deeply invested in the well-being and education of my grandchildren, I believe it is imperative to voice my apprehensions about the proposed changes to home education and to advocate for their reconsideration. I understand that concerns may arise regarding the oversight and accountability of home education, but I believe that the existing regulations already provide a framework for ensuring that children receive a quality education. Parents who choose to educate their children at home are often deeply committed to their children's academic success and well-being and take their responsibility as educators seriously. Imposing the Australian National Curriculum on all students fails to recognise the diverse needs and preferences of learners and will create unnecessary burdens and barriers for families without significantly improving educational outcomes. Furthermore, home education offers many benefits beyond academic achievement, including opportunities for character development, family bonding, and the pursuit of individual interests and talents. As a proud grandmother, I cannot help but marvel at the confident, curious, and well-rounded individuals my grandchildren are becoming. Their homeschooling journey has empowered them to embrace their uniqueness and forge their own paths in life. I urge you to carefully consider the implications of any proposed changes to home education laws and to prioritize the rights and autonomy of families in making educational decisions for their children. Let us work together to support and empower families in providing the best possible education for their children, whether it be in traditional school settings or at home. With warm regards, Proud Grandmother