

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

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### Submitter Comments:

My name is [REDACTED]. I disagree with the changes to the education bill 2024. My parents have been homeschooling me for close to 9 years. Over those years I have had a very tailored education plans every year. These learning plans are designed around the way I learn best and include my interests and current needs. I have Autism, Anxiety and at the moment suffer from seizures, falls, black outs and Tourette's. The neurological conditions I have make it extremely hard to focus and stay on task as well as affecting my mental, emotional and physical health. I am currently attending TAFE at school one day a week studying Cert 2 Animal Care. I am finding the content very basic but the toll on attending class physically wears heavily on my health. Which is why an individual learning plan catered to my future career goals and aspirations help me succeed as I am not weighed down by useless information that confuses me and fills my already overwhelmed brain. I have career goals to train dogs in border security and/or police dogs. I have been able to practice this since the age of 13 yrs old when my parents bought me my first Assistance Dog to owner train, this dog unfortunately wasn't suitable, and I was able to rehome her to another child with a brain tumour as a highly trained Therapy dog during their treatment when she was 18 months old. I was then lucky enough to become the owner of a 10 wk old German Sheppard Puppy, who I have raised and trained myself to Public Access Standards and we follow the Federal Disability Discrimination Act which I had to learn a lot about. Although I have many medical issues going on, I have found the support and mentorship of a local dog trainer who I volunteer with on my good days to help her train assistance dogs and puppies meaning I am 3 years ahead with experience and knowledge of my peers when I hit the workforce. I have completed a certificate in dog psychology and behaviour, and I look forward to starting further study once we figure out more of my medical disabilities. I also enjoy drawing and have been commissioned to draw people's pets using charcoal which my mum used to teach me about how to run a business. All of these things are not within the Australian Curriculum, but I can assure you my education is of high quality and my mother hides all pieces of Maths, English, Science, Biology, psychology etc within my interests. Please don't limit me to following the Australian Curriculum when I am already achieving my goals many years before my mainstream peers are even thinking about what to do.