

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

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My submission may be coming from a less familiar position and that is one of a home schooling supportive Grandparent. When considering my own education and that of the children my husband and I raised, I can clearly see the failings of the current system and feel admiration and pride, my daughters family has chosen to educate with home schooling. This step takes courage and I implore you to seek real and thorough consultation with many home schooling representatives and see for yourself how children educated in this way develop immense curiosity and a depth of learning not possible in a rigid structure. Our family witnesses children not stressed by relentless bullying and exposure to TV programs and fashionable gimmicks. Instead we see projects they chose and dive into according to their own learning styles, growing fruit and vegetables and and a rich knowledge of healthy food preparation and cooking, on top or their academic and musical and creative program. The development of critical thinking and problem solving and discussions about interpersonal relationships are all built into daily interactions at a level each child can comprehend, rather than at a time a curriculum dictates. These are invaluable life skills for a healthy and resilient future.

I will be saddened if greater reporting is imposed as this will be counterproductive, as parents should be teaching, not completing administration. As the home schooling community has grown so rapidly in recent years it would seem obvious to me that increased funding should be channelled to fulfil the needs of a system families want.

It is my sincere hope that consultation with the home schooling community will bring enthusiasm to policy makers to support this system and realise the valuable contribution this group of dedicated families bring to a currently struggling education system. A greater understanding is a step towards working together for more successful outcomes for children's education.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views,

Sincerely,  
Carol Wild.