

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Di Farmer,

As someone deeply invested in the education of my children, we've made the conscious choice to homeschool. I recognise that the mainstream educational system may not always suit or, in some cases, can even harm children. I am privileged to be entering my 4th year of homeschooling and being able to support my children's unique learning styles, interests, and needs. These experiences have provided me with invaluable insights into the opportunities we have gained homeschooling.

Homeschooling allows us to create an environment that nurtures individual strengths, fosters their curiosity, and instills in them a love for learning that extends far beyond the confines of a classroom.

I firmly believe that without lived experience, it's challenging to fully grasp the intricacies of homeschooling and to understand what legislative measures are truly needed to ensure homeschooled children receive a quality education. It's not about enforcing rigid curriculum requirements but rather, fostering an environment that empowers parents to provide personalised, holistic education tailored to their children's individual needs and aspirations.

While the Australian curriculum may be presented as a superior option, it's essential to acknowledge that it's just one of many possibilities. For some children, it may indeed be adequate, but for others, it will not align with their learning preferences or life goals. This underscores the importance of offering diverse schooling options and supporting parents in making informed decisions about their children's education.

Half the reason many of us left the schooling system was because of the Australian curriculum. This is what needs to be reviewed and changed. If it did serve our children better, you may find more families staying in schools. Why has there been such an influx of families

turning to homeschooling? Are we looking at how schools are failing our children and what changes can be done to improve this?

In conclusion, I urge the committee to approach homeschooling legislation with a deep appreciation for the lived experiences of homeschooling families and a commitment to ensuring that all children have access to a quality education that meets their unique needs. By listening to the voices of homeschooling parents and advocating for policies that promote flexibility, autonomy, and inclusivity, we can create a more equitable and responsive educational system for all.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Yours sincerely,

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