

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee, Ministers and Premier

I object to the proposals laid out in the Education Bill 2024 in regards to changes to the regulations for home education. Please consider the following:

*Changes to provisional registration: This makes the timeline unreasonable for families starting to home educate, especially for those suffering trauma and in crisis while they make the transition from mainstream schooling to home education.

*The requirement that homeschool families follow the national curriculum: Many families base some of their learning on some areas of the national curriculum. However, it does not suit all families and their children's needs academically, socially or practically. It has been demonstrated over many years that countless homeschooled children access higher education via alternative pathways without having to rely on a completion of year 12.

*Changes to the reporting method: Expecting families to teach, assess, show progress and report on 8 or more subjects in their annual report is both impractical and unnecessary. This would create huge amounts of needless work for families and for HEU. Not all subjects in the national curriculum are relevant for all children. Moreover, the purpose of home education is to individualize learning for your child which means teaching what is relevant for them in a way which is most suitable for them. How would families be expected to assess and show progress for all of these subjects?

Thank you

Kind regards

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