

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern, I am strongly against imposing restrictions and regulations or requiring them to teach the national curriculum for families who choose homeschooling to educate their children. Children belong to their parents and parents should be able to make regarding education decisions for their children with little government interference. It seems absurd to me that homeschooling families be unduly burdened and dictated to by government regarding education especially in light of Australia's dismal educational outcomes and falling standards when compared to other countries across the world. It seems to me that the government ought to leave home schoolers alone and instead focus on fixing the issues in our education system that drive and necessitate families making very big sacrifices to opt out of such a system in the hope of giving their children a better outcome. Having home schooled 3 children myself and knowing many young people now in their young adult years I can see the clear contrast between the outcomes of students who were home educated vs those who attended school in our own circles and in retrospect I am deeply grateful that we chose home schooling for our own children. Though it was a huge sacrifice and difficult journey at times I would do it again in a heartbeat now I can see the end result. Don't make this journey more difficult for homeschooling families. Instead, fix the failing education system that is letting Australian families down and indoctrinating rather than educating our kids!