

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

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Dear Di Farmer and Committee Members

I strongly object to the proposed new regulations for the Home Educated community.

My 3 daughters have always been educated at home by choice. They have never been to school and are caring, intelligent, empathetic, well mannered, incredible young ladies. We have used the Australian Curriculum as a guide only, picking and choosing what suits their best interests. A large amount of real world learning, not in the Australian Curriculum, is constantly shown to be much more beneficial than what's in a book. It makes for well adjusted members of the community who are used to being a part of a 'big picture' and not held within the four walls of an educational institution such as what mainstream schools provide.

Making everyone follow the same curriculum will destroy the diversity that home schoolers enjoy. This is most certainly a step in the wrong direction. The extra work involved for both the HEU and the Home Educators themselves will, without doubt, be damaging in many ways.

Having to also prove that Home Education is best for the child is degrading and unhelpful. If parents decide to Home School, whether that be by choice or the child does not do well at school, only means that the parent/s wants what's best for their child. Who determines what is best for a child? No one more qualified than the Mum and Dad.

We already have to report on and plan for the education of our children to the HEU. We are already under scrutiny and the watchful eye of them. Where will the extra cost come from to employ extra staff for the HEU to read our reports and plans on 8 subjects. This equates to a huge workload increase and cost to both the HEU and to our families.

Please leave the process as it is now, there is no call for change. I do not agree with the new proposed legislation.

Yours Sincerely