

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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As a father of 2 ASD homeschooled children I oppose this legislation. This legislation will in fact restrict our children's education. Our children require a flexible approach for us to capitalize on their own interests at the time immediately. For example, Literature and the Arts: These two subjects go hand in glove. What started as reading stories flourished into mythology, poems, fairytales, ancient history, paganism, religions and beliefs around the world, geography, Australian History. This then led into various arts and craft sessions with a paid arts class coordinator out of our own pocket creating story book illustrations which then led into a visit to GOMA's fairy tale exhibit "Into the Woods". Imagine being handcuffed into "No sorry kids I understand you're interested in this at the moment but we are not covering that until next term" We as ASD parents do not have the luxury of circling back to interesting topics or subjects because once it is gone it's done as it was prolonged by us before. A child's learning is not a one size fits all T-shirt. By forcing a standardized curriculum you are restricting the growth of knowledge but you are also creating meltdowns, anxiety and other conditions that has the potential to stop learning all together. This legislation is going to do more harm than good.