

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear committee members, I write to you with a sense of urgency and frustration regarding the proposed imposition of the national curriculum on homeschooling families. It is evident that there is a profound disconnect between the drafting of this legislation and the desires and needs of homeschooling families like mine. Let me be unequivocally clear: homeschooling families do not wish to follow the national curriculum. We firmly believe that we can provide a high-quality education for our children without being shackled by its restrictive, limiting, and shallow constraints. Rather than serving as a guide for excellence, the national curriculum operates as a minimum standard document designed for teachers who undergo years of training to interpret and implement it effectively. For homeschooling families, the national curriculum represents a yoke that threatens to stifle the boundless potential of our children. We aspire for more—more creativity, more depth, more relevance, and more individualization tailored to the unique strengths and interests of each child. We refuse to allow this bureaucratic imposition to slow us down in our pursuit of educational excellence. If the committee truly wishes to be educated on homeschooling, I extend an invitation to witness firsthand the incredible achievements of my children. I am proud to showcase the remarkable projects, accomplishments, and growth that stand as a testament to the power and effectiveness of homeschooling. These achievements do not align with the national curriculum—and that is precisely the point. In conclusion, I implore the committee to listen to the voices of homeschooling families and to respect our autonomy in crafting educational experiences that truly benefit our children. Reject the imposition of the national curriculum and instead support policies that promote flexibility, innovation, and parental choice in homeschooling. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely, Sharyn Unitt
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