

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I have many concerns regarding the proposed bill. Many of my friends have chosen to homeschool their children, for a variety of reasons. These reasons range from: a child that has neurodiversity and struggles to thrive in a typical classroom environment families that see the value in focusing on a child's area of interest in more depth and are unable to do this under the Australian Curriculum a child that has suffered sexual harassment at school - the school was unable to prevent it reoccurring.

The homeschooling systems that are currently in place have benefiting numerous families. It allows the parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their child's education - the people that know and care for the child best. The current reporting required of these families already give evidence that the child is receiving a 'high quality education'. Why the need to increase the requirements? I don't believe that enough consultation has taken place with the homeschooling community before this proposed bill was released. A child's education is so valuable. Being able to homeschool enables a child to gain so much more value, depth and clarity than would be possible for many children in a typical classroom setting. I urge the committee to reconsider the additional requirements that are being proposed to be placed on families who homeschool.