

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to you because I disagree with some of the ideas in the Inquiry into Education 2024. I am a grandmother of a homeschooled child. He is 12yo and has never attended mainstream school. He is a very bright boy - he excels in many things, including maths, geography, and social interactions. He has an amazing imagination and also excels in story writing and creativity. He has worked very hard with his mum (my daughter) to not let his severe dyslexia and dysgraphia limit his education. I do not think that the national curriculum would help his education any more than what my daughter provides already. In fact, it would severely limit the fabulous education she provides him. I think this is true for all homeschool families. For school families who choose to leave mainstream schooling and start homeschooling, I think it is only fair that they are given 60 days to plan their educational pathway for the year. If anyone has withdrawn from school, they deserve a bit of time to adapt and plan what is best for their child. I also object to the phrase 'in the best interests of the child' being used when choosing between mainstream schooling or homeschooling. Homeschool families take the educational journeys of their children very seriously, of course they are acting in the best interests of their child/ren. Please listen to the homeschool community before finalising these changes. They are a very committed, well informed group of parents who deserve to be listened to before changes are made that will affect their children's education. Kind regards, Linda Gale