


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed overregulation of homeschooling practices. As a homeschooling parent, I urge the committee to reconsider these measures, which threaten to undermine the autonomy and effectiveness of homeschooling.

It is essential to understand that homeschooling families do not seek to replicate the traditional school system at home. Rather, we embrace the opportunity to provide a personalised, holistic education that aligns with our children's unique needs, interests, and learning styles. This approach fosters a love of learning, encourages critical thinking, and nurtures individual talents and passions. My children have varied interests, and I can adapt their learning to meet their changing needs. If they were in a school system, they wouldn't have that flexibility.

Instead of focusing on excessive regulation, I urge the committee to support policies that empower homeschooling parents. By fostering a supportive environment that values parental expertise and encourages innovation, we can ensure that all children have access to a high-quality education that prepares them for success in the 21st century. I already report and submit plans every year to the regulatory body, the Home Education Unit. Anything more than this

is an overreach and will waste valuable time that I want to spend with my children.

In conclusion, I appeal to the committee to listen to the voices of homeschooling families and to respect our autonomy in crafting educational experiences that best serve our children. Let us work together to create a regulatory framework that preserves the essence of homeschooling while ensuring accountability and quality education outcomes. My children are thriving with the homeschooling lifestyle.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

 -Homeschool parent