

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the parliamentary committee in regards to the Inquiry into Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my objections to the potential impact of these changes on our education system.

As a teacher myself, I left the education department to raise my children. This has included the option to home educate them. From my experience as a teacher, the Australian National Curriculum might be the highest quality of education for children and teachers in a school environment where mass produced education is the main aim. However, as a home educator I am able to provide tailored education that is individualized to each of my children, which in turn produces a higher quality education and environment than what they would traditionally have access to. I don't believe the national curriculum as a whole provides a high quality, well-rounded education for the vast majority of children.

A 'suitable' educational environment as determined by government, instead of parents is an overreach of the government. We have chosen to home education, not because it is easy, but because we know our children best and we understand how to provide an environment in which they will thrive. The government's job is to serve the people and be our voice, not to dictate to the people how to live or my decisions within our family.

Moreover, I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of educators, parents, students, and community members to be heard and considered in any decision-making process that impacts our ability to educate our children to the highest standard.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritize the best interests of our rapidly growing and proactive home educating community. I implore you to advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking that values input from all stakeholders and ensures the integrity and quality of our education system.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Amy Warrener