

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Submitter Comments:

I object with the proposed amendment requiring the education program be consistent with the Australian Curriculum because following the Curriculum would result in my daughter disengaging from learning. For example, in Maths she requires individualized learning as we have had to work through multiple strategies until we have been able to find one that best suits her diverse needs. She learns better when exposed to a variety of flexible approaches to all subjects. It would not be in her best interests to conform to a set curriculum and would only deny her access to a high-quality education. As a mum of four children I have only considered homeschooling my youngest to become apparent to me that my older three children simply weren't equipped to deal with adult life after they completed high school. What they learnt at high school when following the Australian Curriculum was simply of no use to them once they left school. I have chosen to homeschool my youngest as I feel that homeschooling gives me the opportunity to raise her to be a highly functional valuable member of the community. My daughter is a self-directed learner. She feels confident and empowered when she is able to direct her learning and align it to her interest levels. She is currently 14 and wanting to enter the work force, so recently our learning has focussed on resumes, qualification requirements, searching for available jobs and completing job applications for jobs she finds that interest her. I feel confident that this drive to self-educate and become a functional member of our workforce means she will become a happy and productive member of our society. I also object to the requirement to demonstrate education progress for all subject areas as it is unrealistic and exceeds that required by children within the school system. Not every child will progress in every subject every year and I feel that the requirement to demonstrate this progress will only serve to break her spirit and result in a loss of self esteem.