


## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Subject: Protecting the Rights of Homeschooled Children

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation. As a homeschooling parent, I believe that one of the most significant benefits of choosing home education is the ability to tailor my child's curriculum to their individual needs, interests, and abilities. This has certainly been the case for my daughter, [REDACTED].

My own experience with homeschooling has been transformative. My child went from being overwhelmed and anxious in a traditional school setting to becoming a happy, engaged, and confident learner within a year. She went from refusing school and daily meltdowns to enjoying learning and seeking out new experiences. She went from having no friends in a school classroom, to having friends in the home school community that she now happily engages with for activities like art and horse riding. This positive change was possible because we were able to create a learning environment that suited her needs and allowed them to thrive.

Homeschooling parents invest considerable time, effort, and resources into researching lessons, exploring various teaching methods, and providing diverse learning experiences for their children. We do this out of love and a sincere desire to see our children succeed.

The current homeschooling system already includes provisions for submitting plans and reports, ensuring accountability, and maintaining high standards. Therefore, I fail to see the necessity for these proposed changes, which only serve to undermine the autonomy and flexibility that make homeschooling so effective.

Proposed changes would mean that I would not have been able to access provisional registration. I would instead have to keep my daughter in an unsafe and bullying environment while I tried to organise a yearly homeschool plan before we could exit the school system. This would have traumatised her even further. Having the six weeks to create my plan allowed me to see that my daughter was behind in math and English, despite her report cards. It allowed me the time to do trials of various programs to see if they suited her learning style. It allowed me the time to find out what my child was interested in and how she would learn best so that I could make a plan for her future and the Home Education Unit.

Instead of targeting homeschooling families, I urge you to focus on addressing the shortcomings within the traditional public school system. Our goal should be to ensure that all children, regardless of their educational setting, have access to a high-quality education that meets their needs and prepares them for success. I feel that this is already achieved on the home-schooling front with our six samples, reporting, and planning requirements.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Home Schooling Parent



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