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Dear Committee Members,

I object to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024.

I am most upset about the following -

1. No provisional registration time frame.

How do you expect families with children in crisis to conform to this ridiculous time requirement? When our daughter left school in Year 7 it was a traumatic time. She had been bullied and was having daily meltdowns. Having the time to create a plan and let her unwind was an essential part of healing!

2. Following the Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum let our daughter down. It did not engage or teach her in a way that helped her thrive or retain information. It was only when we left the school system that we realised how much she was struggling and lacked basic knowledge that the Australian Curriculum was meant to teach her. We have spent the last year filling in her gaps and doing interest-based learning, which has taught her more and because she is interested, she has retained the information because we use hands-on methods.

3. The authorities decide if a child can stay at home.

Who do you think you are to decide how my daughter is educated? We have one child in school because it suits him. We have our daughter at home because it suits her. How dare you presume to know what is best for my child and deem it necessary for her to attend a toxic environment when she is finally healing from the damage that school did to her self-esteem.

I strongly believe that there is an urgent need for more flexible schooling options that prioritise the diverse needs and interests of students, rather than adhering to an outdated and irrelevant curriculum.

The current Australian Curriculum and the school system let my daughter down. A one-size-fits-all approach does not effectively cater to the unique learning styles, interests, and abilities of every student, including my child. Please reconsider your overreaching into the parent's right to choose for their child.

Sincerely,