

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I've been homeschooling since 2019, so this is my sixth year, I'm 12 years old. I'm so glad that I have been blessed with parents who are willing and capable to educate myself and my siblings. I think that this new legislation, while may be better for the government, will create much more paperwork and bother for my mum. I also think that you may be addressing the wrong branch of home education. There is an estimated 10 000 'home educated' students around Australia (myself included), 23 000 students who do distance ed., and 20 000 students who are 'flying under the radar'. What are you doing about those 20 000? Are these kids being properly educated? What are we, the registered home educated doing wrong? The problem you need to be addressing is not us! Yet we are one of the only 'problems' being 'addressed'. Not only that, I feel that since being pulled out of school, I have been able to learn so much more. The restrictions of school no longer apply to me! I can pursue subjects that I am more interested in, as well as being able to completely understand concepts in ways that I wouldn't have if I went to school. So requiring homeschoolers to follow the Australian curriculum is merely going to inhibit our learning journeys. One of the reasons I was pulled out of school was the fact I am autistic. I got good grades, and did well at school, but did I enjoy it? Did I feel that going to school was helping me? No, not really. I struggled and would come home and have a melt down. Now I can enjoy the learning process more, as well as deeply understand things that I may have struggled with before. In conclusion, I think that this new legislation should not be applied, or if it is, it should be modified. I also think that homeschooling is an amazing thing and the government should not inhibit us homeschoolers.