

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I object to the proposed Education Bill 2024.

How is the State Government going to budget for extra staff needed in the Home Education Unit? The proposed Bill is designed to add to the families workload but this extra workload is going to add extra backlog to the HEU. It is already under strain from the 10000+ plans and reports they need to sign off on or ask for more information, every year. It can already take up to 6 months for some families to have their reports approved. This is going to increase even further as plans and reports will be double or triple the length as what they are now needing to tick boxes off the curriculum.

Families will also need to spend longer on the phones to the HEU as they will need support in writing to the curriculum. The current average wait time for a return phone call from the HEU is 24-48hrs. This will be even longer for families needing immediate assistance if the curriculum is added.

If families are expected to home educate with the ACARA, does that mean teachers no longer have to spend 4yrs enrolled at university to learn how to teach the curriculum in schools? People will no longer be needing to gain HECS debts as this is something that an everyday Australian is now expected to be able to do at home. Or will families need to be trained? How will the Government pay for this? If you expect families to pay for this training you'll have a lot of families that will end up homeschooling under the radar, unregistered. Families are more inclined now to register with you and follow appropriate procedures. If you want to keep families above board don't make their jobs harder.

Home educating families have been delivering high achieving, motivated citizens of society for decades. A lot of these people have come out of the HEU with certificates and degrees before their peers in schools have. Why did something that isn't broken? What is broken is the school system where children are wanting to commit suicide more often, bullying is increasing and children are getting left behind academically as they can't keep up with the overload of the curriculum. My son was bullied horrendously and we pulled him out of two different schools before he even turned 7. The last time we picked up him from school he had a mild concussion. We did not even have a phone call from the school to say he had been pushed over and had scratched up his face, before the first bell rang in the morning. He said he no longer felt safe at school. We tried distance education. It was too much for him to try to keep 7-8 different lots of information in his head and switch between where he was up to daily with the different subjects. He also found this in the school system. Have you ever seen a child not wanting to learn? It destroys you looking at a shell of a child. Children are born to learn. After our short time following our own high quality plan he wants to learn again. Why take this willingness to learn away from him again? The 80% of us who are not following the curriculum are finding a way for our children to learn how to learn and turn into problem solvers and motivated community members. This is contributing to our society.

Also these children who are struggling in school and needing an immediate exit will not be able to as the provisional registration will be omitted. How are families meant to write a plan for a year about the curriculum overnight? Please keep the provisional registration in place to help these poor children find safety in their homes.

Families are already under enough pressure deciding on their children's best interests daily. Adding the need to prove that educating the way they choose in their children's best interests is overreaching and intruding into our lives. This is not the Government's place. It even says in the Bible that this is the parent's role.

Please listen and heed to home educating families concerns and responses to this Bill.

Kind regards,

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I do not wish to have my identifying or contact details published for the public audience.  
Thank you.