

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,
I object to the proposal in the education bill 2024.

Firstly, I will talk to you about child safety.

My Son at 6 yrs old was left at school by himself with no one looking for him. Afterschool care made a mistake with their rolls. They were aware he was not accounted for, but did not go looking for him.

He was at the top gate by himself. Waiting for me. I was an hour away thinking afterschool care was doing the right thing and had collected him from his classroom like they do every Wednesday. But this day they mixed their rolls up and left without him.

So he went to his usual pick up spot at 3pm. Waiting for me. The opposite end of the school to where Afterchool is held. He was alone for over half an hour at 6yrs old when everyone else had gone home.

Children are not safer at school like suggested in the child safety report.

These are 3 of the changes I do not agree with in the proposed legislation.

- The removal of provisional registration is a concern.

That time frame personally allowed me, to pull my son from school straight away when he had an awful time there. His teacher was a bully and he suffered extreme anxiety as a result. I was able to register for homeschool. Start his learning journey, then once I knew my plan for the year, hand that in for approval a month later. Please do not change that process.

- Determine if homeschool is in the best interest of our child

No one knows my child like I do. No one knows what he goes through after a hard day at school being bullied by his teacher, and how that effects his emotional wellbeing, confidence, and behaviour. The only person who can choose if homeschooling is in the best interest of the child are the parents. Why do you think we are capable of raising them and teaching them for the early years of their life then all of a sudden at the age of 4 or 5 you get to choose if we can continue?

- Follow The Australian Curriculum

I started following the curriculum and we loved the math. But very quickly found the English and Science some of the most mundane, uninspiring lessons we have ever seen. The English literature we had to read was outdated.

We quickly found other avenues of learning that were engaging, fun and interesting. I taught him what he was interested in, and he found his natural love of learning that he had before going to school, and it returned once given the opportunity and home environment.

Regards Belinda Yasserie

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