Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

My name is and I am 15 years old.

I am writing because I do not agree to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024 one of which being that I would be made to follow the national curriculum.

I am homeschooled and what I love most about it is that when a subject interests me I have the time to fully devote myself into learning about it and to dig deep into it, which I would not have if I followed a national curriculum. Last year I self-published a book I wrote about the life of Australian John French VC who won a Victoria Cross during the Second World War, and his two brothers Gordon and Eric. In doing this I learned many things about copyright laws, the publishing world, and of course a lot about Australia's involvement in the Second World War. I would not have been able to fully immerse myself into this had I been following a national curriculum. Out of the 200 copies of my book I had printed, almost everyone was sold and feedback from the community was all positive. Under a national curriculum homeschooled children will not have the freedom to truly pursue and learn about a topic that really interests them.

I have seen in myself the difference of following a national curriculum (I have previously attended school) and now having the ability to pursue my interests and the positive effects it has had in my life.

I trust that you will stand up for homeschooled children and get involved in our cause so that the proposed changes in the Education Bill 2024 are not passed.

Thank you very much.

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