Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Committee Secretary,

The role of government is to support and serve families, not dictate to parents what is best for their child. I have had children in education for the past twenty-three years, most attending catholic and independent schools and a few enrolled in distance education and home education learning.

In the early years of schooling I was an active school parent who helped in the classroom at least once per week alongside many parents. By the time my last child to attend school left primary school (eighteen years later), I was the only parent assisting. The general standard of behaviour and language had deteriorated so much I did not want my children immersed in it 30+ hours per week. The harrowing experience of my children being exposed to unsuitable and pornographic material via technology **that was compulsory** for their schooling was shattering. Even though my children did not have phones with access to the internet, all of their friends did.

Secondly, the obsession with political agendas in the classroom by some teachers and the government generally, has made critical thinking almost unheard of. The amendment following the regulation of homeschool registration is a case in point; *"removing the use of gendered language"*.

And you wonder why homeschooling has gone through the roof.

Lastly, the last time I looked, there were more than two million home educated students in America, and the variety of curriculum and support available is endless.
Resource wise, there has never been a better time to home educate.

Once again, I reiterate that the role of government is to serve families, not dictate to them.

Yours sincerely,

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