Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Committee,

I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

I don't agree with being restricted to using the Australian Curriculum. I have a child that the curriculum does not suit and has particular interests which I would prefer him to be flexible to be able to study. I do not believe education should be restricting and allow my children to flourish in all their interests and passions. He would absolutely hate having to replicate school at home and this is not what we signed up for. He is in a much better educational place than he would have been if he were restricted to a set curriculum and not afforded the flexibility he deserves and that I endeavour to provide for him.

I also do not believe it should be the education department's choice to determine what is in the best interest of our child, if we wanted to do this, our children would be in school! We made the decision to leave this environment and others deciding my child's curriculum, why would we want to go back to that? Especially after we have been able to experience the freedom and flexibility of what homeschooling really is in providing my children with far more than they would ever have experienced in a classroom. These changes would be set to have a detrimental effect on not only my own children, but tens of thousands of children across the state and every child after them.

Kind regards,

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