

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in the homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow the curriculum. As a current homeschooling parent of three high school children I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reason why I have chosen homeschooling as the preferred method of education for my children.

The decision to homeschool my children was one that was made after careful consideration and research. My children suffered trauma, harassment, bullying and were held back to keep level with other students in their grades for the first 9 years of public school life, so I felt it only right that they have the security of home based learning in a safe environment and the opportunity to pursue their interests in a manner fitting their abilities.

The curriculum is a very outdated, one size fits all approach that not only restricts inquisitive minds but does not cater for individual needs. The use of standardised measures to gauge a child's ability is not only unrealistic but a purposeless statistical means of justification that does not work. High quality learning is not achieved by following the curriculum, it is achieved by offering interest led learning that enables deep learning. By being able to follow their passions my children are enthusiastic and excited to learn. They can see a purpose in what they learn and have regained their passion. Passion that was quashed when at school and suffering through trauma and anxious filled days in an unsafe environment. They are no longer just one of the sheep being made to follow along in line doing what everyone else does.

Home school should be celebrated. Parents that choose to take on this responsibility should be encouraged and supported to raise and educate these capable young people who are our future. We do not need to be faced with unnecessary barriers and restrictions by using outdated systems and more paperwork.

The costs alone to implement the proposed changes and control measures to Home school families should be enough to deem them unnecessary and a ridiculous idea. It would be unrealistic to even consider that the HEU who are already swamped with their workload could reasonably manage changes of this nature and that these changes could be implemented with accuracy and efficiency without an outlandish cost factor. The trained staff required to check all required documentation would be prenominal.

Thank you for considering my concerns

Sincerely

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