

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

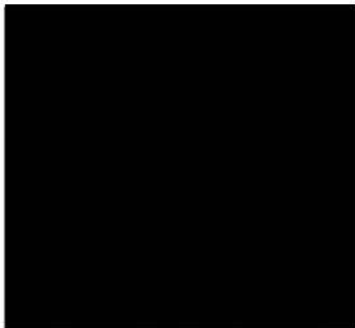
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To the Education, Employment, Trainings and Skills Committee,
I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and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

This will have a direct impact on my grandson and other children alike. No child is the same, nor do they learn in the same way. One size does not fit all. The increase of 4,519 mainstream school children registering for homeschooling in 2023, shows where the problem lies within education and it's not homeschooling. Homeschooling is the solution to an under funded, under represented problem, that is the mainstream education. If you restrict parents in their freedom of choice when it comes to educating their children at home, 80% of home educators will have to change their curriculum, increase the mandatory reporting, which will impact their childs learning and ability to learn by the home educator having to spend more time correlating data which increases stress levels on especially those parents who are already stressed with special needs of their children, including my grandson, therefore having a detrimental effect on thousands of children across the state. This in and of itself will not bring higher education to these students. Not to mention the increase in reporting will mean even more of a workload for the HEU. Will they get more funding or help to make sure that the increased numbers of homeschooling families get the support and help they need.

Kind regards,
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