

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to emphasize the invaluable flexibility that homeschooling provides in tailoring education to the unique needs and interests of each child. As a homeschooling parent deeply committed to providing the best possible education for my children, I am concerned about any attempts to impose a rigid system, such as the Australian National Curriculum, that may not meet their individualized learning needs.

While I'm only a new homeschooling parent to two children (ages 3 and 6), I previously worked as an outdoor education instructor for 10 years full time and 6 part time at three different school campsites, working with 1000's of students. During this time, my husband and I observed the positive impact of nature-based flexible educational experiences have on students, developing of resilience and overall growth. Despite working with numerous great schools, we have still chosen to homeschool our children, and we have witnessed firsthand how individualized learning plans tailored to our children's unique needs and interests have resulted in their flourishing and academic success.

I understand that the Australian curriculum serves as a guide for homeschooling families, but mandating its strict adherence would limit our ability to provide a personalized and effective education for our children. I also wonder why alternative curriculums which have been approved are excluded? ie Montessori and Stienner just to name two. These proposed changes would undoubtedly have a restrictive impact on my children's learning outcomes, as well as the learning experiences of many other homeschooling families.

Furthermore, homeschooling enables us to prioritize the development of real-life skills that are essential for success in the modern world. By being able to include more practical applications and hands-on learning experiences, we can equip our children with the tools they need to thrive in both their academic and personal lives.

I believe that imposing the Australian National Curriculum on all homeschooling families would be counterproductive and would only serve to exacerbate the issues of children falling through the gaps in the traditional education system. Homeschooling provides a unique opportunity to address these gaps by tailoring education to the individual needs of each child and fostering a

supportive learning environment that promotes academic success and personal growth.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the committee to recognize the importance of flexibility and individualized learning in homeschooling and to refrain from imposing unnecessary restrictions that may hinder our children's educational journey. Let us continue to embrace the freedom and flexibility that homeschooling affords, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to receive a high-quality education that meets their unique needs and aspirations.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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