

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

**Submission No:** 1088  
**Submitted by:** Narelle Howard  
**Publication:**  
**Attachments:** No attachment  
**Submitter Comments:**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Objections, Education Bill 2024  
**Date:** Saturday, 23 March 2024 10:27:22 PM

---

Dear Committee,

I object to proposals in the Education Bill 2024.

Firstly, I have concerns with the removal of provisional registration. Time needs to be given to allow for research to be done and plans to be developed.

I do not agree to the guiding principle that homeschooling must be proven to be in the best interests of the child. As parents it is our responsibility and right to determine if homeschooling is in the best interests of our children. As homeschooling parents or carers, we know our children the best. We know their abilities, interests and gifts, along with areas where they may need some extra help or encouragement. It is also important to remember that to help their children homeschoolers use different supports such as tutors, workshops, excursions, courses, online courses, online information, libraries and homeschooling groups to name a few. Having worked in childcare my TAFE training and work emphasised listening to parents, as they know their children the best and have their interests at heart.

Also, I have problems with defining high-quality education as the National Curriculum. Each child is different, with varying abilities, interests and backgrounds. Children may progress at different levels, and may need extra time to understand concepts and how to do it, especially in subjects like Maths where skills build upon each other. A child may excel in certain areas with a motivation to learn more in a certain area or a totally different area to the Australian Curriculum. Homeschoolers do participate in various TAFE and university courses, which may not be part of the National Curriculum. There is a saying, that one size does not fit all. Surely, the greatest education for children is to know how to learn and the desire to learn, leading to life-long self directed learning and life skills.

Families may also use family style learning. Learning may be enriched by all the students studying the same topic in science, with adaptations for individuals. However, this may not be on the stage level of the Australian Curriculum for all the children across various "grades". The Australian Curriculum can be used as a "choice", however homeschoolers should also have the flexibility to build plans according to the interests and needs of their family and individual children. There so many opportunities, learning resources, ways of learning and career pathways available today. This is so much broader than the Australian Curriculum and is different for each child and family.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,

Narelle Howard  
[REDACTED]