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Dear Committee,

I am a registered home education Parent, and I object to the proposals to the Education Bill 2024.

The reason I chose home education for my children is so that they could have flexiblitity in their learning so they could learn to their potential.

If the proposed changes are accepted and all home educated children have to follow the state curriculum I'm afraid it will have a massively detrimental impact on my children's learning and therefore have a detrimental impact on my children reaching their potential.

Also, I am the one guiding their learning, so if I'm forced to teach them in a way that is going to make them push back against me, then it is going to negatively impact our relationship.

I feel that trying to force everyone to learn the same way is going to negatively impact every child who is home educated, because every child is unique and has a unique way that they learn.

People who choose to home educate are seeking an alternative approach to traditional schooling because they're wanting to cater to the unique individuals that their children are.

I am aware that there has been a significant increase in the number of families who are choosing to home educate recently, and I'd like to make a suggestion that there be some sort of support system in place to help parents learn how to choose the best type of education for their children. I'm thinking there could be some sort of general questionnaire to help determine each child's learning style, and then suggested programs to follow depending on what the results are.

I think it would be beneficial for families to have a choice in what program they follow rather than being forced to follow the curriculum.

Every child is unique and therefore a unique approach is need to fully support each child to thrive and reach their potential in life.

I really hope you'll consider the responses that you're receiving from all of the home educating families and do the right thing by them. We choose home education to provide an alternative way to teach our children, not to still be forced to adhere to the curriculum.

Kind Regards, Catherine Avonia Vagg