

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that have recently been presented to parliament. As a homeschooling parent, I do not support some of these changes and I am worried about how they will affect my family and others in the homeschooling community. My primary concern is the requirement for home educators to adhere to the Australian National Curriculum and provide reporting on all curriculum subjects. As it currently stands, home educators are required to provide evidence of a high quality education, and this definition allows us the flexibility to tailor education to the unique needs, learning styles and interests of our children. When this is the focus, children can thrive. They are supported and validated as individuals, genuine engagement in learning is fostered and the benefits to their growth and development are invaluable. Imposing a standardised curriculum on home educating families does not put the individual needs of the child front and centre, and it fails to recognise the reasons why many families turn to home education in the first place. For many, traditional schooling did not have the flexibility to cater to their children's educational needs and well-being. The decision to home educate is a difficult one as it is a path that requires dedication, sacrifice, and commitment, as current home educators will attest. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will support the rights of home educators to provide personalised and enriching educational experiences for their children, and ensure that any changes made to this legislation will be carefully considered in order to be truly beneficial for all involved.

Sincerely
A concerned home educator.