

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I wish to state my firm support for the proposition that parents should continue to have the right to choose how and where their children are educated. The greatest degree of flexibility and the least amount of government intervention is about the right balance not the other way around. Instead of mandating the National Curriculum it could be put in aspirational terms. For example the parents need to provide a plan that when executed is likely to produce outcomes similar to or of like educational merit as Aust National Curriculum or say IBWS or similar. This would allow parents to choose approaches and content that align with their values but are the best for the individual children. I am a 72 year old grandfather with three children and six grandchildren (all homeschooled). Our grandchildren are receiving a very high standard of education under the current arrangements. My daughter and daughter in law, one a Speech Pathologist and the other an Occupational Therapist have worked extremely hard to provide an outstanding and disciplined learning environment. My son in law is an experienced Senior Maths Teacher in the State School System. He is very much aware of the shortcomings of the 'one size fits all' approach and sees the merit in the way his children are being educated even as he wholeheartedly toils away in a large High School. It may not have occurred to the committee that home schooling, properly organized and executed, coupled with active community and sporting and social activities produces a better or best outcome for some children than other more rigid approaches. Please introduce some commonsense flexibility in to the current proposal. Thank you for your consideration. Peter Young