

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I request that you please reconsider this proposed bill. There are many parents that have had no choice but to homeschool because the current school system and curriculum has failed their children. A 'one size fits all' school system and push for curriculum means there are kids that get left behind. Homeschool is a great solution for these kids with parents having made decisions to home school in the best interests for their child and they should be able to choose a curriculum that works for their child. The National Curriculum is designed for large classrooms of children, not for a personalized teaching environment. My child is age 4 and currently in Prep at a state school. However already I have observed that she is disadvantaged because she doesn't learn the same as 'normal' kids. She's a very bright child and has loved learning since being a baby and we've taught her many things in which she's far advanced over other children in her class. However she does have tendencies of hyperactivity and inattentiveness and we're on the path for diagnosis for ADHD. Despite me being open and transparent about my daughters challenges and tendencies with the school and having provided suggestions to teachers for how she learns, the teacher's still place expectations on her of what and how she should be learning and they ask her to explain things she doesn't know how - she gets overwhelmed and cries when she doesn't know how to respond to the teachers questions. It saddens me that my daughter's love of learning may get quashed because the school system makes it difficult for the teachers to tailor learning to kids with special needs. If my daughter cannot meet school expectations in the next few years of school, I want the option to homeschool my child and help her learn by leveraging her strengths, natural skills and interests rather than be forced to stick to the same curriculum that has failed many kids. Despite what the teachers think, as her mother I know my child best and I am more than capable of providing a fantastic homeschool learning environment. Instead of making things more prescriptive for homeschooling families, perhaps the Government should review the school system and find out why so many students are leaving it. Thank you for reading my submission.