

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

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### Submitter Comments:

To whom it may concern, I am reaching out regarding the proposed changes to current education legislation, particularly concerning home educating families, which has sparked significant concern for me. Allow me to introduce myself and shed light on my situation. My name is [REDACTED] a wife and mother of two remarkable boys. One of my sons has been home educated since October 2019, while the other attends our local state high school. The decision to homeschool arose from the shortcomings of the traditional schooling system, particularly in its inability to adequately support my son. Despite the efforts of dedicated teachers, the lack of appropriate assistance for my son, who didn't fit neatly into predetermined criteria for financial support, prompted our decision to homeschool. Rather than prioritizing his educational needs, the focus seemed to be on potential funding tied to a formal diagnosis, leaving us disillusioned with the system. Consequently, we embarked on our homeschooling journey, now in its fifth year, utilising a diverse curriculum that surpasses the Australian standard. The progress and flourishing of my son in this environment are undeniable, not only that but his overall health and wellbeing has improved greatly also. My apprehension stems from the potential implications of adhering to the Australian Curriculum. My son, [REDACTED], faced significant health challenges in his early years, including hearing issues requiring specialized treatment, and as a result of these issues he dealt with severe speech and language delays. In response, our homeschooling approach has been tailored to address fundamental learning areas while providing personalized support. While [REDACTED] struggled to keep pace in a traditional school setting, the individualised attention and flexible structure of homeschooling have been instrumental in his development. Following the rigid framework of the Australian Curriculum could jeopardise the progress we've made, possibly forcing us back into a system ill-suited to my son's needs. It is imperative to recognize that one size does not fit all in education, and flexibility is crucial in ensuring the best outcomes for each child. Sincerely, [REDACTED]