

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the Education (General Provision) Act 2006 regarding home education. Additionally, I urge you to conduct a thorough review into the reasons why parents are choosing to home educate their children before implementing any changes to existing legislation. Home education has become an increasingly popular choice for many families, and it is essential to understand the motivations behind this decision. While some parents opt for home education due to concerns about the quality or safety of traditional schooling environments, others choose this path to provide a more personalised and tailored education for their children. Additionally, some families opt for home education for religious or philosophical reasons, seeking to instil specific values and beliefs in their children's upbringing. By conducting a comprehensive review into the factors driving the rise in home education, policymakers can gain valuable insights into the needs and preferences of families in our communities. This information can inform more effective and targeted policies that support educational diversity and parental choice. Furthermore, I believe that any proposed changes to the Education (General Provision) Act 2006 should prioritise the rights and autonomy of parents in deciding how to educate their children. Home education offers families the flexibility to design a curriculum that meets their children's unique learning needs and interests. Introducing burdensome regulations and oversight measures would undermine this autonomy and hinder parents' ability to provide the best possible education for their children. I urge you to consider the voices of home educating families and to undertake a thorough review of the motivations behind home education before making any changes to existing legislation. It is essential to ensure that educational policies support the diverse needs and preferences of families in our society. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue. I hope that you will take proactive steps to protect the rights and freedoms of home educating families in our community. Sincerely, [REDACTED]