


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

Hi, I'm [REDACTED] and I am twelve. I've been homeschooled my entire life.

I love homeschooling because I get to learn what I am really passionate about. It is also not a high pressure environment so I feel relaxed and it's easy to learn. I love having peace and time to embrace life, what I love doing and learning, and sharing time with my friends.

This year is the first year I've ever been to a day school. I chose an alternative school where their learning requirements align with how I've learned my whole life. I fit straight in with all my peers. Homeschoolers are very good at self-directed learning and that skill is helping me thrive at day school.

I don't agree with the proposed changes in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislations Amendment Bill 2024.

My whole primary school years were undertaken in the absence of the National Curriculum. My Mum uses certain subject curriculums for us that she identifies to support and compliment the individual way we learn. If I had to follow only one set curriculum, like the National Curriculum, for all my past homeschooling years, I would not have had such personalised and flexible learning experiences.

We also did lots of learning together with all my siblings. (I am one of 6!) That means sometimes I might be learning about a topic that wouldn't necessarily be in the National Curriculum for my age but ALL LEARNING is important and why should I be told when I can learn certain topics!? My Mum would be very stressed and wouldn't have the time to teach us all different topics and subjects for every child. Even a qualified teacher would struggle to teach grades 5-12 in one single classroom if they were doing the National Curriculum. My Mum is very creative with how she embraces what we learn and it's easier because we all do it together. I just want to be able to continue learning and love my learning journey.

Please leave the homeschoolers to do what we do best - embrace and encourage a love of learning without the need to be told WHAT, WHEN and HOW to learn!! If you force the National curriculum as the only way to learn, what is special about homeschooling then? We like that we do things differently. Different is NOT BAD; it's just DIFFERENT. PLEASE EMBRACE DIFFERENCE!

Sincerely,

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