

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

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### Submitter Comments:

My name is Jacob Curran, my brother and I were homeschooled by my mother up until Grade 8, after which we finished our final years of high-school with an RTO homeschooling co-op school. I am married, have a son and a daughter, and am currently in my final year of my Bachelor of Architectural Design at a University here in Qld. My experience with homeschooling was exceptional, with the freedom to learn about specialty interests, study at a higher grade levels of subjects as soon as I was ready, and the freedom to stay in my pajamas throughout the morning as I powered through my learning curriculum. Homeschooling as in no way impaired me for facing life's challenges, and I am grateful for freedom that was granted me at the time. In regard to the proposed changes found in this amendment bill, I do find it concerning, the idea that the Australian curriculum may become enforced as the only mode of education for homeschooling families. Such a change would greatly limit the freedom of avenues to learn from, and for families to discover methods of learning that work best for their child. My wife and I intend on homeschooling our kids, along with many other families we know. It is my belief that this bill stands at odds with homeschooling, and all that makes it good. If the government is not actively funding homeschooling families, it should not be attempting to enforce its own handpicked curriculum upon the children of such families.