

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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The proposed legislation changes are unnecessarily withholding the parental right to govern the education of our children in a way the upholds values important to personal family circumstances. The recent changes in the main stream schooling system are supposedly in place to increase inclusiveness, then this same attitude should be extended to these who have a reason for wanting their children schooled in the home. Family connections and values taught within the home have very positive influences on children's emotional and educational upbringing. There are already reporting processes in place and national standards that are being implemented in the current home schooling system. It is not the governments role to further withhold the parental rights over children or to say what is best for each individual family situation. This is not why Australians elect government leaders. Parents who choose to make the financial and work sacrifice to home school their children have strong and important reasons for doing so. Changes to the educational system should be spent researching why this is the case, instead of reducing the freedom of choice over this matter.