

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Committee,

I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

I am 14years old and have been homeschooled my whole life not because I have any issues or need to - because my parents CHOSE to before I was even born. I have 5 siblings and we all homeschooled together. My Mum has graduated 2 of my siblings so now there's 4 of us learning at home still. At the moment I am connected to a DE School due to a chage in our family situation. DE still provides flexibility that is not possible with day school.

My formative learning years was done without adherence to the National Curriculum. My Mum researched and believes play base learning is key and that rigid learning to a set curriculum stifles imagination, creativity and overloads you with too much. I agree because during the times I tried to adhere to the National Curriculum I just ended up feeling very overwhelmed; There was no depth of learning and I just felt like I am kept busy for the sake of "doing" something NOT because I want and am passionate to learn. I love exploring what brings me happiness and sparks my imagination. If you make us learn ONLY and all the National Curriculum, that spark will be extinguished.

I want to be a Tradie so I'm not even planning on finishing to year 12. Homeschooling teaches you the right ways to learn and makes me WANT to learn. You learn because you love it NOT because you are told what to do. PLEASE DO NOT TELL HOMESCHOOLERS WHAT AND HOW THEY HAVE TO LEARN! We love learning differently than regular school kids.

Different = Good = Innovative = Choice = Freedom.

This country is a democracy. These proposed changes feel like borderline tyranny.

I do not agree.

Respectfully,

