

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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25 March 2024 Dear Committee, I am opposed to the legislation changes for home-schooling families for the following reasons: ACARA should not be held as the highest standard of education. It may suit a classroom setting but it is too rigid for home-schooling families to adhere to, based on the fact that a home educator in most cases will be teaching children from multiple age groups. At home, children relish in learning together as a family or "cohort". All subjects are covered, however it would be an almost impossible task to teach multiple concepts to children across age groups, for all subjects as would be required if homeschool teachers were to be constricted by ACARA. This will not allow for quality learning, but instead pressure parents to feel rushed to cover all concepts and I fear kids could miss basic and fundamental concepts. This will be detrimental to children's education. My daughter and partner choose to home educate because not all children learn at the same rate and fit in the same "box". I believe parent educators have the right to make this choice. Home schooling is, and needs to continue to be a fun and enjoyable experience for families, and most importantly instill a love of learning in children. Please listen to your home-school community. Yours Sincerely Enid Susan Gilling [REDACTED]