

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed changes that will undoubtedly have detrimental impacts on my family and, more importantly, on my children's ability to receive a high-quality education through homeschooling. My wife has been homeschooling our two children for going on 3 years. I've seen my eldest leave the school system struggling, anxious and disinterested. She is now a confident and engaged child that is thriving. Following an interest led learning plan my wife has designed specific to our daughters learning style, level and interests, she is now actively engaged and motivated to learn. Secondly, I oppose changing the legislation to include that home educating families must follow the Australian Curriculum. I also oppose the proposed legislation that changes the wording around who chooses whether homeschooling is a "suitable" learning environment for a child. As parents we should have the sole right to homeschool if successfully demonstrating through the reporting and planning processes, that their educational needs are being met. It should be at the parents discretion where they see fit a suitable learning environment. Parents do not need to co-parent alongside the government. I appreciate you taking the time to read my opinion.