

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee members,

As a dedicated homeschooling parent, I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes requiring homeschooling families to follow the Australian curriculum. My family chose the path of homeschooling before our children were even school-age because we believe it offers the best educational experience for our children—one that is tailored to their unique needs, interests, and abilities. My husband and I both had a mediocre experience at school, and we consciously chose to offer our children more than we experienced in the public school system.

Homeschooling has given our children the freedom to be themselves—to learn, grow, and explore the world around them on their terms. Unlike the rigid confines of the Australian curriculum, homeschooling allows us to provide a holistic education that nurtures their individuality and fosters a lifelong love of learning. When I hear the stories of children in the school system, being bullied by peers and adults, it scares me.

We have seen firsthand how homeschooling has enabled our children to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. We can cater to their emotional, mental, and spiritual health. Parents should be the ones to choose the best education path for their children. Not the government and their belief that one size fits all.

The proposed changes to mandate the Australian curriculum for homeschooling families are unnecessary and unwanted. They would undermine the very essence of homeschooling—the freedom to choose an educational path that best suits our children's needs and aspirations. We are committed to providing our children with the best possible education and respectfully request that our freedom to homeschool be protected.

Sincerely,