

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

**Submission No:** 1506  
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### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes to homeschooling regulations, specifically the requirement to adhere to the Australian curriculum which was not in my child's (and many others i know) "best interest". The Australian Curriculum caused my son great overwhelm, anxiety, low self esteem, disengagement from learning and very poor mental health when in mainstream schooling. Through individually tailored project based learning at home instead for the past 5 years my son has been able to follow his interests and strengths. This has had an amazing effect on his creativity, willingness to learn and his emotional well being. Instead of preventing home schooling families from using tailor made individualised learning programmes that cater to each individual's unique needs I would urge you to liaise with the homeschool community to discover why the educational methods currently used in our education system are not working for so many students. In addition, "streamlining registration" by abandoning provisional registration will not allow families removing children from mainstream school a grace period to deal with their trauma and learn how home schooling works. Requiring reporting on educational progress outside of registration periods will unfairly place extra burden on home school families, taking away precious learning time. However, I do support the proposed change to allow students to continue home schooling until the year they turn 18 in line with the mainstream system as this is fairer. I would urge you to conduct more appropriate consultation with the broader home schooling community rather than just a couple of businesses regarding the proposed changes. Thankyou for considering my perspective.