

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee,

It has been brought to my attention by my wife, who left her position as a teacher to home school our children, that there are changes being proposed to home education. Two primary concerns I have that I would love for you to elaborate on for my knowledge are:

1. Why is there a requirement to provide a reason for choosing homeschooling? If the aim is to gather information for improving the traditional schooling system or to better support the homeschooling community, might I suggest conducting an anonymous survey? This could achieve the same insights without making individuals feel judged or hesitant to associate their name with their reasons.
2. From my understanding, there's a move towards enforcing the Australian Curriculum upon homeschooling families. As a healthcare professional, I firmly believe that every interaction with individuals should be tailored to their unique needs. Without individualized approaches, there's a risk of not delivering optimal care. Offering the Australian Curriculum as an option among the other curriculums could be beneficial for parents struggling to determine the best educational approach for their homeschooling children. Taking a rigid stance might hinder diverse and talented minds from receiving quality education tailored to their needs. Many homeschooled children face challenges in traditional educational settings, and the personalized nature of homeschooling often provides the supportive environment they require to excel.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Samuel Warrener