

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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My name is [REDACTED], and I'm 11 years old. I've been doing homeschooling for nearly six months now. I wanted to share my thoughts on the proposed changes to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. I don't agree with these changes at all. I have ASD Level 2, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS), and Anxiety. I had to leave regular school because of some really tough times I faced there, like bullying and not getting the help I needed. It was so bad that I even started hurting myself. My mum and dad decided it was best for me to learn at home. One big reason I left school was because I wasn't getting the help I needed with reading, writing, and spelling. Even though I'm 11, my skills were more like a 6-year-old's when I left. But guess what? Since I started homeschooling, my skills have gotten way better! Now, I'm almost caught up to where I should be for my age. I think homeschoolers shouldn't have to stick to the Australian Curriculum if it's not helping them. Every kid learns differently, right? So, it's only fair that parents can teach their kids in the way that works best for them. The people who know what's best for me are me, my mum, and my dad. Not some person in an office who doesn't know me at all. They don't know what I'm good at or what's hard for me. They don't understand that being in a classroom all day and having to rush through work isn't good for me. I remember when I couldn't do my favourite subject, math, just because I had trouble spelling words. That wasn't fair at all! Homeschooling is awesome because I get to learn all kinds of things that I never could in school. I'm learning how to cook, doing math that I actually enjoy, and picking up life skills that will help me be independent. And the best part? I get to do it all at my own pace, in a calm and quiet space that feels safe to me. Thanks for listening to what I have to say!