

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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My wife and I homeschooled our children in NSW for 17 years. All 3 are now in highly technical roles or high skilled self-employment. We were registered with the government and regularly inspected as required in all 6 key learning areas and the inspectors were very happy with our approach. One of our children is now homeschooling and wants to educate her children the way she was, with a custom-built curriculum built for the child's learning style and unique personality. We, as grandparents are also included in that learning environment. As long as the key learning areas are covered and learning is demonstrated, parents should be allowed to choose a curriculum that works for their child. The National Curriculum is designed for large classrooms of children, not for a personalized teaching environment. This bill goes too far in controlling responsible parents who are fully committed to their child's education and success. If the government wants to hold irresponsible parents accountable, then why not adopted a more customized model where parents need to prove learning is taken place but given the freedom to harness more effective and customized curriculums for their children?