

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear EGPA Committee Members

I am writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed legislation that seeks to impose restrictive measures on homeschooling families. We do not support the legislation proposal, as it undermines the autonomy and effectiveness of homeschooling in meeting the unique needs of our children.

Furthermore, we vehemently disagree with the notion that a quality education is defined solely by adherence to the Australian national curriculum. Our homeschooling approach goes beyond the confines of the curriculum, allowing our children to explore advanced subjects and pursue their interests in a manner that is tailored to their individual learning styles and aspirations.

We want to emphasize that our homeschooling plans and reporting are meticulously targeted to each child, far more thorough than any one-size-fits-all approach mandated by the state. Our children's educational experiences are personalized, comprehensive, and designed to foster a love of learning that extends far beyond the boundaries of a standardized curriculum.

We are deeply concerned about the short-sightedness of these proposed changes and the lack of consultation with homeschooling families. We will not stand idly by while our rights as parents to educate our children in the manner we see fit are infringed upon.

Rest assured, we will be reaching out to our local MP to voice our concerns and advocate for the preservation of homeschooling autonomy. Our children's education is not up for negotiation, and we will fiercely defend our right to provide them with the best possible learning experience.

Hands off our kids!

Sincerely,

Andrea Epple

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