

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee members, As a parent and disability support worker, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the education legislation, particularly the requirement to the homeschooling changes and adhering strictly to the Australian curriculum. While I wholeheartedly agree that every child deserves a quality education, I firmly believe that imposing a standardized curriculum on all homeschooling families is not the solution. Every child is unique, with different learning styles, interests, and needs. As a support worker, I know that this is not a one size fits all curriculum. As a parent I know each child thrives differently, one of my children loves school and the other struggles at school with bullying, motivation, confidence and in other areas. She would often end up in sick bay just to get home early from a bad day at school and even be worried about going to the toilets because 'That's where are the kids are vaping'. We have just started out homeschooling, since doing so I have experienced firsthand the benefits of tailoring the curriculum to suit the individual needs of my child. I have seen sparks of confidence, motivation and interest in her education return to my daughter, she has even started her first part-time job. By having the flexibility to customize and have a choice in her education, my child has thrived academically and personally since leaving the traditional school environment. She has been able to delve deeper into subjects she is passionate about, explore various learning resources, and learn at her own pace. In essence, the curriculum we have chosen for her is superior to what they were following in school. I understand that the Australian curriculum serves as a guide for homeschooling families, but mandating its strict adherence would only hinder our ability to provide a personalized and effective education for our children. These proposed changes would undoubtedly have a negative impact on my children's learning outcomes, as well as the learning experiences of many other homeschooling families. Furthermore, I want to address any misconceptions or stereotypes surrounding homeschooling. In my experience, homeschooling parents are deeply passionate and invested in their children's well-being and education. The homeschooling community is vibrant, supportive, and dedicated to providing the best possible educational experiences for our children. In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider these proposed changes, remove the adherence to a curriculum and instead support the individualized education that homeschooling provides. Let us continue to tailor our children's education to meet their unique needs, interests, and abilities. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue. Sincerely, Sarah Schweizer