

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Dianne Farmer, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my objections to the potential impact of these changes on our education system. I am a father of 2 boys who are more so physical/visual based learners. I myself completed year 12 education at a private catholic school and pursued a school based traineeship while finishing year 12. I myself am a very visual learner and found that the system in place isn't capable of facilitating learning that doesn't fit the current curriculum, this does not allow for alternative methods and ideas to be developed. I learnt mathematics from my father (who coincidentally failed maths at school) his methods were far simpler and straight to the correct answer. I would get marked down on tests for my working out but still have the correct answer... how does that work? I am a fabricator, the methods I use to complete jobs that surpass the industry standards have NOT come from the mainstream schooling methods. Upon leaving school I quickly learnt that having a HSC from a reputable school meant nothing, not once did it help me land a job or better my situation in any way. The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, my boys are visual learners and being heavily involved in their lives, I am certain that the proposed legislation won't nurture their individual interests and learning strengths. This would affect me personally as it would make my ability to help them complete homework and assignments impossible. If kids aren't given the ability to think outside of a square box, how are they supposed to succeed in life? not everything is black and white in the world. Moreover, I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of educators, parents, students, and community members to be heard and considered in any decision-making process that impacts our ability to educate our children to the highest standard. In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritize the best interests of our rapidly growing and proactive home educating community. I implore you to advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking that values input from all stakeholders and ensures the integrity and quality of our education system. 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, [REDACTED]