

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members and Mr Brent Mickelberg MPI am writing to emphasize the importance of understanding and supporting the diverse learning needs of children, particularly those who thrive in non-traditional educational environments such as homeschooling. As a homeschooling parent deeply committed to my children's educational journey, I urge the committee to consider the detrimental impact of forcing children back into environments that do not suit their learning needs. For many homeschooling families, including mine, the decision to homeschool stems from a desire to provide our children with an educational experience that honors their individual interests, strengths, and aspirations. Homeschooling allows our children to pursue their passions, delve deeply into subjects that captivate their curiosity, and develop the skills necessary to succeed in their chosen paths. By following their own learning interests and setting goals tailored to their personal futures, homeschooled children are empowered to take ownership of their education and chart a course that aligns with their unique talents and ambitions. This personalized approach fosters a sense of agency and self-efficacy that is often lacking in traditional school settings, where children may feel constrained by rigid structures and standardized expectations. Rather than seeing children fail, homeschooling offers a lifeline—a chance for children to thrive in environments that nurture their individuality and potential. And already we are seeing monumental change in our young and impressionable children. Allowing them the flexibility and opportunity to explore this great country without any borders, walls or restrictions. To open their minds and hearts to taking in everything this land has to offer, all from a small caravan. There's no greater accomplishment in life than seeing a child's face light up at new experiences and sights that have provided to them outside the boundary of a school yard. I implore the committee to take the time to speak directly with homeschooling families and to listen to their insights and experiences. By understanding the diverse motivations and approaches within the homeschooling community, we can work together to create policies that support children's individual learning needs and ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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