

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum. I am a homeschooling parent with 7 children some with ASD, some with ADHD, one teenager with Dyslexia.

Our homeschool journey started when my son was in grade 3 at a public state school in Qld and he was being told by older kids to kill himself. We removed him and started homeschooling from grade 3. He is now 17 and 2 years ago attended the Tafe at School program, he had perfect attendance, was top of his class and behaved a lot better and with much better manners than the mainstream students who attended. My oldest daughter is now 19. She was homeschooled from grade 5 with child-lead / interest based learning. She is currently completing her 3rd and final year at university. She has passed all her university subjects, made some wonderful friends and is planning to go overseas this year as part of a university tour. I currently homeschool 3 other children with HEU registration and have 2 other children who are below school age. I object to the inclusion of a guiding principle which removes my power as a father to make the best choices for my neurodiverse children. No one knows what my child needs better than me. I object to the inclusion of the National Curriculum as the definition of a high quality learning. The national curriculum is not a suitable substitute for the carefully created individualised education my child currently receives and needs to thrive. Due to my kids needs, it is so important that I have the flexibility to choose a curriculum and learning style that will best suit their needs. The Australian Curriculum does not allow me to do this. Please do not make these changes. Homeschool parents are often dealing with other government agencies like the NDIA who already push parents to the edge with cut funding and lack of support. I choose to homeschool because I love my children, it provides a safe environment where they don't get bullied, they are able to learn about topics that interest them and they learn at a pace that is suitable to them. I have had one child self-teach reading at the age of 4 and other child struggling to read at age 15 due to their disability. Please do not take away flexible learning options for homeschooled children.