

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear EGPA Committee members,

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 apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system.

I'm a student currently being home-schooled; I did all primary school from prep to year 6 in the public system. While I was doing the standard curriculum it failed me. When COVID-19 hit I was in Year 5 and while my parents were supporting my learning they saw early signs of me lacking many required writing skills, but they supported me through the period, I left the lockdown with a few strategies to help me write at a basic level and my grades showed an improvement. At the end of primary school, I transitioned into lower high school, this is when I started home school, immediately my parents saw how far behind and how the school let me fall through the cracks and I was at a low year 5 level of writing. They tutored me and helped me improve these skills and now that I am in Year 9 I have significantly improved my reading and writing skills.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, If the education system failed me the first time what's stopping it from letting me slip through again? Why let the education system clog my mind with meaningless information, which inevitably I'll forget in a few years, so what's the point of forcing me to use a schooling system that has failed me once and will likely fail me again?

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 schools.

Additionally, this system has already failed me once and that is why I was pulled out of it, why should I the student be forced back into that position where I will not be able to thrive and be creative as a child?

In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritise the best interests of our students, teachers, and schools. 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 and to further dialogue on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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