

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Members of the Committee, I am writing to express my concerns with the amendments to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. As a longterm home educating family, there are provisions in this bill that I do not support, and further, I believe will be detrimental to my family. The proposed legislation raises several concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, by insisting that all students are to follow the Australian Curriculum will make it near impossible to provide a high quality education in a homeschool setting. Not only is it restrictive, it is impractical to ask parents to teach a curriculum that is designed for a large classroom setting. My children will not benefit from being forced to learn the national curriculum. I am very concerned that the high quality education that they are currently receiving will no longer be available to them if we are required to deliver the ACARA. Secondly, I am very concerned with changes that will be required of parents to report on all eight subjects in their end of year report. This will create an excessive workload and unrealistic reporting system when we already have one in place that works. I would hope that if these changes were to come into action, parents would then be able to provide the Home Education Unit a basic report card that is to the same standard required in mainstream schooling. I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed legislation changes, and engage with the large community that care deeply about the future education for not only their own children, but the future children of Australia. Kind Regards