

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am disturbed by amendments regarding homeschooling. Parents who homeschool do so because they have the best interests of their children at the forefront of their decisions. It is well documented that some children do better academically, developmentally and socially in an environment that can cater to the individual needs. They should be able to choose a curriculum that works for their child. The National Curriculum is designed for large classrooms of children, not for a personalized teaching program designed specifically for the individual child. It is not for the government to determine the best interest of the child, this is for parents to determine. This legislation change appears to be an overreach into the family unit. Parents who home-school genuinely want the best interests of their child at heart. Those few that don't care simply send them to state education. The current registration and reporting system are working well, there is no need to change it. Instead of making things more prescriptive for homeschooling families, perhaps the Government should review the school system and find out why so many parents feel the need to educate their children outside the mainstream system.