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

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To Whom it May Concern,

An email received to my inbox 7 March informed me that a Bill has been introduced to Parliament proposing a number of changes to the home education provisions under the *Educational (General Provisions) Act 2006*.

I am concerned for the changes, especially since I have been informed by HEU that "The department will review and update our processes and templates in preparation for the changes."

Being that these proposed amendments will lead to some different requirements and responsibilities around home education, this will have an effect on the high quality education that we have been providing for our children. My husband and I committed to home educating our children fully aware of the huge responsibility. We have taken it seriously from the beginning (firstly with Distance Education and the then HEU registration) 8 years in total. We have acted towards providing a high quality education including;

- Instilling a love of learning for life,
- Regular routines and rhythms to enable high level of engagement with quality literature,
  and
- Sourced a Mastery Maths Curriculum that meets the needs of our children who struggled under the "spiral" Maths programs created under ACARA.

Across all subject levels we currently use the best of ACARA alongside the best of other curriculum. It produces interesting programs, opportunity to pursue a child's interests, and attainment of high academic standards. We say this whole-heartedly not only because of what we see in our own home school, but rather due to the results that are obvious throughout the homeschooling community of which we regularly engage.

There is much for you to consider with these changes and I thank you that you are hearing the voice of the people. Can you please tell me your plan for how you are going to train Home Educators to create programs from, and report to, the Australian National Curriculum?

With kind regards,

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