

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to have my say on the proposed homeschool legislation changes.

Our family do NOT agree with the proposed changes.
For background we have experienced 3 years in the public school system, whilst this may work for some families it did not for ours.

Firstly I'd Love to know what you think making every child follow the national curriculum is going to achieve?

Have you asked homeschool families what they want?

Have you asked WHY they homeschool? What is their child's learning style?

Have you asked families like mine who have experienced school (and the national curriculum) why they left that system and how their lives have changed?

Is there actually anything wrong with the current homeschool legislation?

Let me tell you about my family.

Every single school day was a horrible battle for us, our highly anxious ASD2 child put so much pressure on herself to do everything perfectly.

Before and after school were full of tears and meltdowns, at school she masked her emotions.

She was so anxious about keeping up academically and that her head was cloudy and she couldn't take any information in, therefore fell further and further behind. (Adding to the anxiety and creating a vicious cycle!)

Lets not forget that kids can start prep at anywhere from age 4.5years to 6.5years old but are expected to be at the same academic level! Say What?!

Everyday I told myself there has to be another way, turns out that way was homeschooling. I made the decision to put our families mental health and wellbeing first and have not looked back.

Since we started homeschooling our lives have changed dramatically.

Our children are thriving, they are smart and confident and have grown to love learning in their OWN way.

Our home is calm and there is always plenty of learning projects on the go.

They are well mannered, free thinking, show common sense and have grand imaginations, we often get the comment 'oh you must be homeschooled' because of this.

Forcing our children into a box where they must learn the national curriculum would be a massive disservice to them and to future generations.

At what cost does it come?

What will our kids miss learning whilst trying to tick all your boxes?

Our kids (just like us) have a special and unique way of learning - that is something to celebrate, please dont try change that.

Trust that parents know what is best for their own children.

#free2homeschool

Sincerely

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