

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

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I disagree with the proposed changes to home education in the bill that is currently before parliament as I don't believe that the government are suitably informed enough about home education to make any changes.

Are they drawing on the long term body of international research on home education? If not, why not? For example, have they read *Dumbing Us Down* by John Taylor Gatto, in which the man four times awarded NY Teacher of the Year revealed the reality of why schools are failing to provide students with an education that prepares them for life?

Can they present honest, unbiased information on the efficacy of the Australian education system, the Australian National Curriculum in particular, and why they think it would be relevant in the home environment, for which it was not designed?

Can they explain why those who will be most affected by these changes, home educating families, have not been given adequate representation or opportunity to be involved in the second stage of this process?

Answers to these questions would be much appreciated!