

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

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a father of four, I have the privilege of observing the immense dedication and effort my wife puts into homeschooling our children. It is from this vantage point that I express my deep concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. Specifically, the requirement for homeschool curricula to closely align with the Australian Curriculum introduces a significant compliance burden that affects not only our family but the broader homeschooling community as well.

In traditional educational settings, teachers receive substantial professional development opportunities and resources to navigate and align with the Australian Curriculum. This support system is crucial for educators to effectively implement curriculum changes. Unfortunately, such support is not readily available to home educators, who are expected to navigate these changes independently. This disparity raises concerns about the practicality and efficacy of expecting homeschooling families to adhere to the same standards without equivalent support.

The proposed amendments, by closely linking the homeschool curriculum to the Australian Curriculum, threaten to undermine the flexibility and individualized approach that is fundamental to homeschooling. This one-size-fits-all strategy does not consider the diverse needs, interests, and learning styles of each child, which are central to the homeschooling philosophy.

- **Individual Learning Styles:** Homeschooling's strength lies in its ability to adapt the educational experience to each child's unique needs. The proposed alignment with the Australian Curriculum could restrict this flexibility, potentially impeding the educational development of children who benefit from alternative teaching methods.
- **Tailored Educational Interests and Pacing:** The ability to customize the curriculum to a child's interests, including the sequence and pace of subjects, is a key advantage of homeschooling. This customization requires significant effort from home educators, which could be compromised by the additional administrative burdens imposed by the legislation.
- **Diverse Educational Resources:** A wealth of educational resources exists beyond those aligned with the Australian Curriculum. These resources contribute to a rich, diverse educational experience that could be diminished by a mandated curriculum.

In conclusion, while I appreciate the intention behind the proposed amendments to ensure a high standard of education for all children, I believe that mandating alignment with the Australian Curriculum is not the optimal approach. Instead, I propose the introduction of additional educational supports for homeschool educators, such as expert advice and tailored support, to enhance the skills and educational plans of home educators. This approach would more effectively meet the needs of students without imposing undue compliance burdens.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I trust that the final legislation will reflect the needs and values of the homeschooling community.

Sincerely,

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