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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read and give consideration to my view on the Education (general provisions and other legislation amendment) Bill 2024.

I am writing to advocate for reconsidering homeschooling regulations in the light of the growing number of families choosing this option. It is clear that many parents feel that traditional schooling and the Australian Curriculum is failing to align with their values thus prompting them to homeschool.

Rather than forcing the curriculum on homeschooling families, let's focus on examining school systems and the curriculum itself as recent data shows that the Australian curriculum is failing many children. From my experience with the education system for 34 years, parents know their children best and strive to do what's best for them. History shows that forcing solutions on situations does not work.

Let's work together -not in a dictatorial way but an open cooperative transparent way- to create a more flexible and responsive education system that benefits all students whether they are in traditional schools or homeschooling. I urge you to prioritize collaboration with homeschooling families to find constructive solutions.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS BILL THROUGH LEGISLATION WITHOUT MAKING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO DETERMINE THEIR PATHWAYS TO QUALITY EDUCATION.

Yours sincerely,



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