

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Committee,

I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

I do not agree with the forcing the Australian Curriculum on children who left school to home educate without it. The school curriculum is not tailored to every child and should not be enforced on every child taking away freedom of choice with education, impeding on a child's rights. Children have been educating and graduating without the Australian curriculum in home education for many years now, and doing a great job at it. It is absolutely disheartening to think the government is going to come in now and think they can impose a restricted curriculum on these children and believe that is affording them a high-quality education.

I have personally seen my friend home educate her children and been privileged to understand the homeschooling way of life. I do not believe for any moment that they are lacking in educational opportunities as the Bill implies by defining a high-quality education as such minimum standard options. I have also been witness to the positive opportunities that having the option to provisionally register on receipt of application, whilst being afforded the time to comply with the registration conditions has allowed for in regards to stress and trauma.

If there are changes to be made, make them with more thorough consultation with the home educating community so they can be made for the better and not for the worse.

Kind regards,

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