

## 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 rights of a child being taken away from parents. If these changes happen, they will mean that any children I choose to home educate will be denied their freedom to have flexibility and choice across their education and to learn to their interests in their way. I do not yet have children, yet I still oppose the government having a right to judge what is in my child's best interests or whether it meets the safety and wellbeing, in education purely due to a choice to home educate. This is not a valid reason for parental rights to be encroached upon. School did not teach me what I needed for my future, and I learnt with the national school curriculum, so why would I want that for my own children when I know there is a better option from seeing the experience in the home education community. I do not want to see education department deciding my child's best interests, nor dictating to what my children should be learning, or when they should learn it. I want that to be fluid and in line with what my child needs on any given day, in any given week, in any given year. I have met children who home educate and I wish the education department would see them too, before making decisions for them that are not in their best interests.

Kind regards,

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