

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I do NOT support the proposed changes to the education legislation.

I am writing to share my personal experience as a homeschooling parent and to advocate for the recognition of alternative educational approaches that better meet the needs of our children. Specifically, I want to highlight the limitations of the Australian Curriculum and being unable to use a variety of resources would inhibit the ability to effectively educate my teen who is neurodivergent.

The Australian Curriculum, in its current form, is outdated and fails to engage many children, leading to significant mental health issues. My own children experienced this firsthand, struggling to connect with the curriculum with my youngest teen unable to learn at his own level with engaging materials. Recognising the need for a change, we made the decision to homeschool our youngest and the results have been excellent. His anxiety levels have dropped by over half and he is totally absorbed in learning new things.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
Wesley Carrick

