

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

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Dear Committee Members

I am writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed legislation that seeks to impose restrictive measures on homeschooling families. We do not support the legislation proposal, as it undermines the autonomy and effectiveness of homeschooling in meeting the unique needs of our children.

Furthermore, we strongly disagree with the notion that a quality education is defined solely by adherence to the Australian national curriculum. Our homeschooling approach goes beyond the confines of the curriculum, allowing our children to explore advanced subjects and pursue their interests in a manner that is tailored to their individual learning styles and aspirations.

We want to emphasise that our homeschooling plans and reporting are meticulously targeted to each child, far more thorough than any one-size-fits-all approach mandated by the state. Our children's educational experiences are personalised, comprehensive, and designed to foster a love of learning that extends far beyond the boundaries of a standardised curriculum.

We are deeply concerned about the short-sightedness of these proposed changes and the lack of consultation with homeschooling families. We will not stand idly by while our rights as parents to educate our children in the manner we see fit are infringed upon.

We will be reaching out to our local MP to voice our concerns and advocate for the preservation of homeschooling autonomy. Our children's education is not up for negotiation, and we will fiercely defend our right to provide them with the best possible learning experience.

Furthermore, I would like to forward a few questions to the committee, if we are required to adhere to the Australian curriculum, what type of funding are we to expect, as per your funding to schools for each child? How much funding will be available for professional development for home educators?

A further question is, at what point were we home educators going to find out about these proposed changes? I haven't seen anything in the news, haven't received any letters, no communications from the HSU - why has the homeschool community been entirely excluded not only from the consultation process, but also from even finding out about these major changes that are proposed to heavily impact our homeschooling? I found out about these

changes on social media, I find it entirely inappropriate, insulting and inept that there has been ZERO communication with the only people that the proposed changes will have effect on.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely

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