

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills 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 Clause 68. I am a year 12 student finishing up my schooling through distance education. I only started distance education in year 11, before then it was my mother and my own independence that taught me. I grew up with the freedom to explore my passions, such as wildlife and art. In year 10 I happened upon an American course that taught me how to draw everything from a water molecule or hydrocarbon, to a phospholipid bilayer, to an entire cell. It was through this course that I discovered my love of chemistry and biology. I highly doubt I would have developed such a love for these topics if I hadn't had the freedom to learn them on my own- through means that suited me. When I decided I wanted to go to University, I enrolled in distance education and went on the ATAR pathway. I was slightly worried I would struggle considering this was all a very new experience, but I ended up with an academic excellence award and was awarded best in both unit 1/2 Chemistry and Design. I honestly attribute these achievements to the gift of a childhood full of freedom, where I was able to develop the passions that kept me going - that keep me going - through the rigours of my year 12 pathway. Unlike many students I know who have been under a rigorous curriculum for most of their schooling life, I know exactly what I want to do with my ATAR- that's why I'm getting one in the first place. In conclusion, I believe regulating such a curriculum into the lives of happily homeschooled children is pointlessly detrimental. Please let kids learn how to be kids before they grow up. Not only does my own experience prove the merit in this, merits are found in the individual experiences of many homeschooling families. Thank you for your time reading this. Kind regards, [REDACTED]