

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

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Dear Committee Members,

Please accept the following as a submittal of my concerns about the proposed changes to home education requirements outlined in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. I also ask that you acknowledge my request for this letter and my name to not be submitted to the public for the privacy of myself and my family.

I strongly oppose the proposed changes in the home education legislation, particularly the limitations to what is considered an approved education and training program. As a home education parent, I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reasons many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the preferred mode of education for our children.

One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide our children with a personalised learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity which allows them to learn at their own pace, and provides the opportunity to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle their natural inclination to explore and discover the world around them.

By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my child's ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs. This directly affects my family because we have been homeschooling for 6 years and have dedicated significant time and effort to providing our child with a highly customised and considered educational environment. We have used a range of resources from hands-on experiences to online resources and classes, one-one-one learning to group studies, and even travel which has allowed us to visit places around Australia to build a love of learning, real world experiences, and a high quality education that can not be duplicated in a traditional classroom and has not been developed by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

Furthermore, enforcing a standardised curriculum fails to recognise the diverse interests and talents of home education students. It overlooks the fact that every child is unique and may thrive in different subject areas or learning environments. For example, my child (11 years old) has a high interest in weather and meteorology, so recently we were able to provide access to Meteorology and Extreme Weather courses online hosted by university professors from the United States, supplemented with tracking weather and rainfall locally, nationally, and worldwide in real time, so that he could pursue his niche interests. In home education we have the opportunity to delve deep into a subject and allow projects to span beyond a school term and to provide educational opportunities that are multi-disciplinary. By imposing rigid educational requirements, we risk depriving our children of the opportunity to pursue their passions and develop their full potential.

In essence, these proposed changes would not only undermine the fundamental principles of home education, but also limit my child's ability to learn and grow in a way that honours their needs. The proposed changes should reflect that high quality home education can come in many forms that can include the Australian Curriculum, but should not be limited to that alone.

As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my child's education, I respectfully urge the committee to reconsider these proposed restrictive measures to the home education legislation, and to engage in a collaborative dialogue with home education parents who are directly impacted, and to identify how you can best support us on our homeschooling journey, as we continue to provide a rich and diverse educational experience for our children.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,  
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