

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to submit my strong objection to changes proposed to Education legislation.

First of all I am disappointed that I did not receive official news about these proposed changes from HEU but heard about this bill from social media and friends.

I have been homeschooling my girls for the past 2 years and I object to the proposed changes. We are a growing community of parents taking charge of the education of our kids and as key stakeholders we were not consulted for this proposal.

I do not agree with homeschoolers following the ACARA curriculum, as we do not want to recreate the school at home. While my girls follow a program that covers all subjects, they learn best by focusing on themes and topics that they enjoy studying together, even though they are 3 years apart in age. I am offering alternative avenues of learning and engaging with my kids through play and cultivating intrinsic motivation instead of having the kids recite information to get good grades. Extrinsic motivation will not last and won't serve them as adults.

Additionally, by learning from home, I have been able to give space and attention for each of my girls to develop and follow their own interest, hobbies and passions. Each child has unique talents and only when given the opportunity to follow these can they truly flourish. Being aware and knowing my children like no one else, as a mum I can provide what I know is best for my kids. It is of my best interest to help my children become capable independent adults with strong and healthy emotional and mental health.

Spending all day with my girls has strengthened our relationships as a family. We have better communication, much less behavioural issues and they tell me they are learning much more than in their noisy classrooms. They also some freedom to organise their weekly activities and their opinion is also heard and recognised.

Being part of many homeschool groups, I recognize there are many problems within the education system that are causing parents to remove children from schools. Instead of making it harder for families that have chosen a different path, I suggest efforts should be focused on understanding the reasons why this trend is happening and find solutions and support to the existing schools, teachers and the students they serve.

Thank you for listening and for taking into consideration our opinion.

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