

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is [REDACTED], currently completing year 7.

I do not support the changes that were outlined and discussed in Parliament today 18th March.

I have previously been to private school and completed a year of Distance Ed, so have experienced various learning options. For me, a child whom you want the best for, believe homeschooling as it is now to be the right and best fit.

Benefits of homeschooling for me include:

- Family holidays that fit into my dads work schedule instead of school terms - we used to struggle for him to come along.
- We could get a puppy (who is now 3 years old in human years) because we are actually home!
- There is lots of variety in our social groups and activities
- If we have late nights we can sleep in, which is healthy as my body develops
- lots of free time outside of our school work to socialise and be creative
- Mum works with me to decide what areas of learning interest me
- I get to spend quality time with my Grandad and Grandma who take time each week to teach us greek, family history, piano and sewing.
- All of my extra learning is by people who are passionate about the subject they are teaching which makes it exciting and engaging.
- This year we are in a zoo crew, we go to Australia Zoo with every third Friday - we are exploring it thoroughly each time we go. When i was at school, my experience of the zoo was walking around it quickly in one school day - I have little memory of the animal information, and more of how sick I felt on the bus home. This is the great thing of homeschooling - taking our time, exploring things properly!

Please hear the homeschooling community, as we try with all that we have for you to hear us! Hear how it works for us, how diverse and inclusive we are. No two families operate the same, no two children in a home learns the same - but all our parents and caregivers have the same hearts desire to see their children excel in life, whilst in an environment that is loving and safe. Please don't change something that works!

Sincerely,

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