


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and have been homeschooling for seven years. I live in Northwest Queensland. I do not agree with the proposed changes that homeschooling families should be forced to follow the Australian Curriculum. I do not follow the Australian Curriculum apart from Maths. At the start of each year my mum and I use the curriculum as a guideline when making our learning plan and goals. This is the best fit for me as I can tailor a personalised program that keeps me engaged, motivated and accountable. Since beginning my homeschooling journey I have improved in areas not just academically but as a whole. Homeschooling has given me the skills to develop as an individual taking responsibility for my learning and how that best supports me, my values and spiritual beliefs.

The things I love about homeschooling are that I enjoy learning because I can focus on what I am interested in. I can go at my own pace, take a break and come back to learning when I can, this is important to me as sometimes it can become overwhelming for me. Some things I can process, and others are quite difficult. I learn things better when I get to choose based around what interests me, my learning style and my abilities.

I like that I can use resources that I connect with and understand because I have dyslexia some programs are not the right fit for me.

I value the support I get from home without the pressures I had previously in school. I struggled keeping up affecting my mental and emotional wellbeing. At home I always have help available to me, I am not compared to any one, put under time pressures and am able to work at my best.

I DO NOT believe the Australian Curriculum would work in a homeschooling setting because it is not suitable for the needs of each child. This would greatly impact families by imposing unnecessary stress and pressures making something work that did not for me, everyone learns differently.

Families should have the freedom to decide if homeschooling is the right fit for them or what is in the best interest of each child. The outcomes of reporting should not be the focus of why I homeschool, taking valuable learning time and resources away from the areas of interest to me.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns,

Sincerely [REDACTED]

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