

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 clauses 18, 64 and 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

This will have a direct impact on restricting homeschooling families in their freedom of choice when it comes to educating their children, therefore having a detrimental effect on thousands of children across the state.

My 12-year-old son has never been to school. He has a number of learning challenges that with specialist and intensive tutoring at home has finally, after 6 years, enabled him to read a few sentences at a time. This reading achievement has only happened due to his homeschooling. While some therapists recommended dropping his reading/writing tuition, he has the right to learn how to read in his own time. I have acquaintances that have successfully taken their high school children out of school to homeschool so they learn how to read and write. According to a study done by Griffith University (Vocational education and training for adult prisoners and offenders in Australia: Research readings; Authors Meatheringham, Bernard, Snow, Pamela, Powell, Martine, Fewster, Michael; Published 2007), approximately 62% of prisoners have deficits in their literacy levels to the point of being classified as less than functional. While all who struggle with literacy will not end up in prison, the implications for the future of most students struggling with these issues is not very positive. Freedom to homeschool students and helping them transition to adulthood and careers without following the national curriculum is entirely possible and especially beneficial for students like my son.

Kind regards,

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