

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Committee Secretary
Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Committee

I am writing to object to the proposed amendments to the *Education (General Provisions Act) 2006*.

I personally know many homeschooling families and can attest to the quality education and experiences these children have received.

The children are well rounded, intelligent, polite and can hold a conversation easily with all ages. I personally know 3 children, that have commenced tertiary studies ahead of their mainstreamed schooled peers.

I strongly believe parents are the best placed to make decisions about their children's education. Parents know their children, parents know how they think, how they process information, they know what interests them. How can the government implement regulation on what is best for the child, when they don't even know their name? One size does not fit all.

What concerns me greatly is that this is intended for the safety, health and well being of our children. Only last week, was there a lockdown at a local school, due to a child behaving in an unsafe manner. The number of stories I have heard of bullying is ridiculous and scary! The mainstream school system is certainly far from safe. Might I remind you about Dolly Everett, who took her own life at 14 due to bullies. What is being done to curb that? I would also personally be interested in the number of incidents in Queensland schools per day. It would certainly confirm the stories we are hearing.

Perhaps we need to look into, why has there been an increase in mental health concerns amongst people, perhaps we need to consider where the stress and trauma has started for these people.

The stress put on children these days is ridiculous, crazy routines, the lack of ability to play and be kids, running around barefoot, playing in sprinklers on hot days, why isn't this encouraged in schools.

Because, we are too risk adverse, very blame orientated and very VERY controlling!

Further, another area of concern is applying the Australian Curriculum to all children. Again, I know of 2 children personally, one was prevented from borrowing books from a library, because it was above their grade level, another one, wasn't allowed to count past 100, in fear of getting ahead of his prep class. How is this providing a high level education, how is this fostering a love of learning, how are these children allowed to thrive?

At the end of the day, this just feels like another means of control by the Government. I believe the constituents have had enough, especially with what's happened over the last few years.

I'll leave this here, and I trust you will make right decision.

Thank you

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