

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members

As a homeschooling father, juggling the balance between work life and health, our family dynamic means I get to see my children flourish in their learning opportunities they are afforded.

I object to the proposed amendments in the Bill and I cannot see how these changes would be at the benefit of my children or my family. They would restrict our learning opportunities, our flexibility and our lifestyle. We have sacrificed in life to provide this amazing and unique opportunity for our children, we do not agree with the government wanting to be so much a part of that choice we have made. We did not make these decisions lightly and a lot of thought went into ensuring we were providing what each of our children need and want.

I object to the government having a decision on what is in the best interests of my children, and to our learning flexibility taken away under the definition proposed for 'high-quality education'. It seems a flippant move to enforce something that just cannot work with the nature of what homeschooling is, and if the Minister or her team would have met with the community through appropriate consultation, the community would have been able to share how homeschooling works best for a multitude of children and a more appropriate Bill could have been drafted. From what I have seen, it is as if the government went directly against everything the homeschooling community suggested and put the opposite in.

Please reconsider this Bill and consider the education of all children, and allow them the flexibility to be free to homeschool, their way, in their time, to their interests.

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