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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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I strongly believe that with the changes over the recent years in a national curriculum approach to education, pathways, trade schools, home educators and their children are strongly discriminated against.

After 15 years of home schooling my children, all I ever hear about is compliance from the BOS! I have been approved every 2 years for over a decade and there has been no follow up, not even one phone call from an assessor, no resources, no support after each registration process but make sure you comply!

We are Australian tax payers too and we save the government a lot of money by home educating our children.

I could print out and fudge every report, copy program's and pretend I was using them and no one would know the difference! But why would I do that? Home educators want what's best for their children too!

Lets stop wasting everybody's time and allow home educators children the same rights and resources other school students are allowed eg laptops, access to Vet subjects, a certificate of completion equivalent to the Rosa for completing years 11 and 12 especially now since the school leaving age has changed to 17 with the amendment of the act.

Complete board developed and board endorsed courses for years 11 and 12 but sorry we won't even give you what we offered you in year 10 a certificate of completion?? What if a home educator feels certification is important for senior years? Do it our way or send your children to TAFE full time or cross the state lines and join a distance ed school and then you will get certification.

What about joining a distance ed school in NSW? Sorry that's not possible unless you physically can't get to a school, or your child is pregnant or has certain special needs. But I want to pay? The answer is still no. My question is why not? At least then we would definitely be complying!

It is time for things to change for home educators! They should be acknowledged as valuable contributors to the community and the nation. Let's involve them in panels and committees in the Department of Education?? Home educators are individuals who have a collective voice and they are valuable to the wholistic development of children in both primary and secondary years.