

Education (General Provisions) (Helping Families with School Costs) Amendment Bill 2023

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Section 3 of the QLD Human Rights Act 2019 protects the right of every child to access primary and secondary education appropriate to their needs. This right could be relevant to laws, policies, acts or decisions that introduce fees for education that, while applying to everyone, discriminate against people on low incomes. As a single-income family, we are finding it increasingly difficult to cover the out of pocket costs of our child's high school education - including subject fees and the cost of the iPad they are required to have to access educational content and submit assignments. I imagine the impact of this is far more significant for people on lower incomes and with more children than our family. Every child has the right to education. Our society benefits from children who are engaged and fully able to participate in learning at school, not from having children excluded and left behind because their parents cannot afford the costs of public education. It is a disgrace that when our State Government is in surplus, we are not investing in the future of our children - the future of our state and society.