

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

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I believe that public schools should be truly free for all Queensland students and that public schools should be funded to a much greater degree than private schools. I am a social worker and have witnessed several clients experiencing housing instability, choose to not enrol children in school in case they were required to move, and could not afford double uniforms/books etc. The process of applying for aid through charities is slow, demoralising and not guaranteed. No student should have to miss out on the right to education due to lack of funding. Funding schooling properly has economic and social benefits to the whole of society. I used to run a tutoring business, and saw how so many students who were less academically inclined would fall through the cracks at expensive private schools, hence needing private tutoring. I believe that private schools focus attention more on higher achieving students. A more equitable system is a fully funded public system for all.