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To whom it may concern,

I am a home-schooler in NSW writing in defence of people in QLD maintaining the right to home-school their kids without having extra burdens placed upon them as parents to prove that home-schooling is working and or in their kid's best interests.

I have recently viewed QLD's home education policy and I personally feel as a home-schooler in another state, that Queensland is by FAR , the worst over reaching state, when it comes to how parents are made to justify the way in which they are going to be educating their kids and how the state requires them to report to the Home Education Authorities at the end of each registration period through the sheer amount of paperwork which is required.

Here in NSW, we have far more flexibility and less paperwork than Queensland and we get up to two years of registration if we can show an adequate plan and/or proof of learning at the end of each registration period, in the way of work samples, photos, books and other things.

The planning system here is simple and still maintains compliance with the Australian curriculum without having to go to extreme lengths of submitting annual reports and all the extra identification paperwork Queensland insists on.

Personally, I do not understand why Queensland insists on being over the top in their requirements when it is actually the right of the parent to home-school and as parents we don't have to prove to you or anyone else that our kids are making progress in every single subject, given kids can attend school and not even learn how to read and write by the time they leave, and you all know it happens!!

Kids attend school all the time and still don't make progress in a number of areas, so why are you requiring parents to show progress??

I also feel, that the Queensland government and home education authorities are merely attempting to make things difficult, because you all know that you cannot influence home schooled children with all the narratives and agendas you clearly have going through all of the schools in Queensland and we as home-schoolers, we have a right to protect our children from such vile and abhorrent fairy tales, that you are all trying to put in the minds of innocent kids.

To add to this, I do not feel that it is appropriate or reasonable for HEU to be able to request reporting for times when family's are not registered. If they are not in your

system, you do not have any right to that information.

One last thing, the Australian Curriculum is not needed to get a decent education. Here in NSW, parents are allowed to use NSW curriculum and or Australian Curriculum as they wish as long as it's meeting the required outcomes. There is no need to implement the Australian Curriculum into the legislation if parents are helping their kids to meet outcomes within the frame work and can switch between both the state and the Australian Curriculum, as they choose.

In short, you all need to just stop attempting to make it difficult to home-school as parents have clearly chosen to home-school for good reasons, otherwise why would they put themselves and their kids through all of the red tape and strict conditions that Queensland is clearly placing on home-schooling family's?

In my opinion after looking at the way in which your government intrudes on home-schoolers, I wouldn't want to live in Queensland and I would strongly encourage people to either move state or push back hard if these changes come into place because we don't need any government and other authorities trying to intervene and deciding on how we should be raising our kids, when clearly we are a lot more capable of doing it ourselves!

My last word of advice, don't tread on Home-Schoolers, because we are a special breed and when push comes to shove, we all stick together, regardless of where we live in Australia.

Regards,

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