Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed education legislation that was introduced to the Queensland parliament on the 6th of March 2024.

I write to you with a fervent plea to acknowledge and honor the remarkable success of home-educated children in society. As a homeschooling parent, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible growth and achievements of my child, and I adamantly believe that the current homeschooling system should remain untouched. I DO NOT SUPPORT the current legislation being put forward before parliament and I oppose having mention of The Australian National Curriculum in the legislation for homeschoolers as the definition for high quality learning. As a homeschooling family, I have tried using the Australian Curriculum to educate my child, both at school and at home. It just doesn't work for my child. To this date, I have been fortunate to have the flexibility to choose how I provide a high quality education for my child, and my once struggling and disengaged child is now thriving.

Home-educated children are not just thriving; they are excelling in every facet of life. From academic accomplishments to personal development, they are demonstrating resilience, creativity, and a passion for lifelong learning. This success is a testament to the dedication and commitment of homeschooling parents who prioritize their children's holistic development and tailor their educational experiences to meet their unique needs and interests.

I firmly assert my right as a parent to educate my child. I know my child better than any system ever could. Homeschooling allows me to create an environment that nurtures their individual strengths, fosters their curiosity, and instills in them a love for learning that extends far beyond the confines of a classroom. Moreover, homeschooling provides a sanctuary for my child—a safe and supportive setting free from the pressures and pitfalls of bullying that often plague traditional school environments. In this nurturing atmosphere, they are free to explore, experiment, and grow into a confident and compassionate individual. It is essential to recognize that there is not one singular way to educate a child. Homeschooling empowers parents to teach their children how to learn, not just what to learn, laying the foundation for a lifetime of intellectual curiosity and personal fulfillment.

As these home-educated children grow into adulthood, they continue to make significant contributions to society, enriching our communities with their diverse talents, perspectives, and values. We need more of these success stories, not less.

In conclusion, I implore you to heed the voices of homeschooling parents and to uphold our right to educate our children in the manner we deem best. Let us continue to nurture the potential of our children and celebrate the extraordinary outcomes that homeschooling affords.

Thank you for your attention and consideration, and I would like a response to hear your position on this matter.

Sincerely, Anna Burany

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