

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum. As a homeschooling parent, I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the preferred mode of education for our children. My husband and I are both qualified teachers, he is currently employed with Education Queensland and I am homeschooling our own children. A key concern of ours is the burden that this legislation will put on families of neurodivergent learners. Three of our children are diagnosed autistic with various comorbidities and we'd like to know how this proposal will impact disabled children? We foresee increased paperwork, paediatrician visits and therapist reports to justify why the education we provide our children isn't strictly aligned with ACARA and at the level of their peers. This creates unnecessary cost to both families and the government as either we are out of pocket or our children's disability funding will need to factor in these expenses.

We agree that it is a child's right to access an education of a high standard and through existing planning and reporting methods for homeschooled students, we already prove the education that we are providing our children is of a comparable or exceeding standard to that of ACARA. If changes are to be made, perhaps consider increasing the ability of the regulatory body to police the standards of these plans and reports.

The essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it affords children to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my children's autonomy and hinder their ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs.

One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide our children with a personalized learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity and allows them to learn at their own pace. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle their natural inclination to explore and discover the world around them.

Furthermore, enforcing a standardized curriculum fails to recognize the diverse interests and talents of homeschooling students. It overlooks the fact that every child is unique and may thrive in different subject areas or learning environments. By imposing rigid educational requirements, we risk depriving our children of the opportunity to pursue their passions and develop their full potential.

In essence, these proposed changes would not only undermine the fundamental principles of homeschooling but also limit my children's ability to learn and grow in a way that honours their

individuality and creativity. As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my children's education, I urge the committee to reconsider these restrictive measures and instead focus on supporting families in providing a rich and diverse educational experience tailored to the needs of each child.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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