

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I wish to express my concerns to the proposed amendments to the Education Legislation, specifically in relation to Home Education and how it affects my child. We made the decision to home educate our daughter when she was half way through year 8. She was not thriving in the school environment, her school being over-crowded, under funded, teachers with little to no control over students, many classes just being viewed on YouTube, bullying rife with disruptive students dominating classrooms and teachers attentions. She did not receive the support she needed in the classroom, or elsewhere, and her education absolutely was suffering. Once we had researched and planned for what Home Education would look like in our household, and were confident we could meet and even surpass the needs of our daughter, we made the intentional leap. Her brother completed year 12 at high school, but honestly may as well not have for the good it did him. We encouraged him to persevere and he did, to his credit, but he certainly was not prepared for the real world, he was not ready for further education, and really was left with no clue what to do next. Our daughter has aspirations for further study and her subject choices are not ones that would be well supported by the current curriculum. Home education means that we can tailor our daughters study to suit her chosen path, providing excellent opportunities for learning, far beyond what could be achieved in a classroom environment. Please reconsider the changes planned to the home education system. Home School families have their children's best interests at heart, they can and do deliver high quality education, providing one on one attention, care and support which is simply not possible at school. Home education is certainly not for everyone, it is a lifestyle choice among many other things, and I would like to know how implementation of the Australian curriculum is intended, when home school parents are not teachers and do not have access to the same resources as schools. Will there be testing? Will our kids be entitled to ATAR for further education, if held to the same standards? In conclusion, I do NOT support the changes proposed, and urge you to reconsider. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely, Caroline O'Hagan Homeschooling Parent

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to Education Legislation  
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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed legislation changes to Education, with specific interest in Home Education.

We are home schoolers by choice, after years of bullying, anxiety, and school refusal, physical bullying as well as emotional. On top of that, our daughter went from being a straight A and happy student in primary school, to failing every subject by year 8 in high school, as the support she needed was simply not there. Many classes were just YouTube videos, or told to play on their phones, teachers unable to handle the difficult and disruptive children that often lead to little to no work in class, leading to our daughter having a difficult time speaking up and getting the help she needed to complete her work. This resulted in refusal to try, and a slump into anxiety and depression, and school based fear.

The choice to home educate was not an easy one, like many parents it involves personal sacrifice and a great deal of time and effort to home educate. Sure we could just send her to school, but the fallout of the failures in her state school education would be 10 times greater than anything she may miss out on by home educating.

There is a rigorous reporting requirement, and planning for the year ahead, checks and balances and evidence to be supplied to the Home Education Unit.

The system for home education in Queensland is not broken, why try and fix it?

The vast majority of home schooling families in Queensland do not want this over reach of government, over regulation and additional work load.

- If you expect us to teach 8 subjects a year and report on 8 subjects a year, will resources be supplied like in a state school?
- Will our children be entitled to ATAR/OP scores when they complete year 12?
- How will the additional strain on the HEU department be funded?
- What kind of time frame will these changes be taking place over?

I like the thousands of other Home Educators in Qld, DO NOT want these changes.

Please pivot the focus on to fixing the state school system, and find out why so many of us choose to home educate. The school system is woefully under funded and supported... Start there and leave us alone.

I trust the committees decision will reflect the wishes of the interested parties and consider our opinions, instead of force us down a road that will not be welcomed.

Thank you

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