

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

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I would like to add my voice to the growing chorus of concerned homeschooling parents, relatives and children regarding the proposed changes to legislation regarding the content of home schooling in Queensland.

The proposal to force homeschooling parents to follow the Australian Curriculum is very concerning to me. It is well known that the curriculum is bulky and dense and designed to be delivered to large classrooms of children.

My 19 year old son graduated via a different curriculum without suffering the lack of a 'quality' education. This is demonstrated by his employment as a software developer for an engineering company whose clientele include councils around Australia. He also builds apps for another engineering solutions firm, he is a second dan karate black belt, he gives back to his community by doing RI lessons at a couple of local schools as well as playing guitar in our local church band.

My second son is a completely different student. He was a textbook 'resistant' learner. He would only get his study done if I was sitting right beside him. I spent a lot of time mentoring this particular child in a one-on-one learning situation. If the study topic wasn't relevant in his mind, he simply would not do it. However, he is an extremely intelligent person. He has been building racing drones since his early teens which involves a great deal of electronics know-how plus programming the remote control to 'speak' to the drone. He has a drone flying YouTube channel with the most beautiful scenery and background music which incorporates his love of drones with his love of film and photography. He has successfully started more than one online business, complete with product, branding and marketing. He has developed his own products by communicating with manufacturing companies in China. I have worked in his education around these passions to ensure that his has received a 'quality' education. He has a CASA Remote Pilot's Licence and is currently studying a film course as well as a full-stack web development course. This child is a brilliant business communicator, he is entrepreneurial, he is happy and confident. Had he been forced through the box ticking exercise of 'following' the Australian Curriculum, I doubt he would be successful or happy and especially, he would not be confident but would feel like a failure.

I would ask you to please consider carefully and wisely about the proposed changes to the current legislature. The current model is working well for parents and children. Home school outcomes are really good. The children do well in higher education, employment and in society. As a person who is a homeschool graduate (having a Marketing/Management degree and being the published author of five books), through a curriculum *other* than the Australian Curriculum, I want to urge you to say no to the proposed changes.

Kind regards,

