

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

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TO:

Committee Secretary

Education, Employment, Training and Skills committee

Parliament House

George Street

Brisbane Qld 4000

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education legislation changes particularly within the Home Education section.

As a Home Educating parent, I do not support some of the changes being introduced.

I am concerned not only on the impact it will have on my family but also the entire Homeschooling community.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed.

Firstly, Home Education is not simply school re-created at home. It is individualised learning tailored to our children's interests, passions, requirements, and their abilities. Home educating families do not take the education of our children lightly as we are afforded the opportunity to see our children develop a lifelong passion for learning.

Currently on the education Qld website on the second page of the Home Education fact sheet under the heading educational program and resources it states the following.

“You may wish to investigate purchasing a curriculum program. Before deciding to purchase privately produced or commercial curriculum materials for your child, it is recommended that you carefully consider your child's specific learning goals and their preferred learning style.”

**Could you please advise on how enforcing a “one size fits all” curriculum is supportive and or reflective of this?** A One size fits all is not opting for High quality education in anyway.

While I as a facilitator refer to the Australian curriculum, I have also incorporated what is termed eclectic learning which means we utilise a variety of resources and curriculums that are not limited and that in turn allows us to continue to expand our knowledge in all learning areas using multiple resources and a variety of curriculum.

As a facilitator of education is it not important to be open to exploring the variety of ways in which children learn? How can this be accomplished if we are forced to be limited to The Australian Curriculum only?

Secondly it raises concerns where the amendment in the bill in relation to homeschooling only being granted if it is in the best interest of the child.

**Please inform me who determines what is in the best interest of the child and exactly how this is to be decided? /proved/verified??**

There is yet to be transparency on how this is exactly defined or is to be assessed.

These amendments appear like coercive control measures and by removing the freedom of choice to home educate in a variety of ways that offer High quality learning that best suit the child, it appears that you are not interested in what is best for our children at all.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that going forward the legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland.

I look forward to hearing your responses on these important issues.

Sincerely,

Queensland Home Educating Parent