

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Terry Young,

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament. As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on my family and the homeschooling community.

I am particularly concerned as a parent of two neurodivergent children. We have spent hundreds of hours consulting with numerous specialists and allied health experts to determine how to best educate our child. We have liaised tirelessly with their former school to try to implement these recommendations. Unfortunately, what both my children required was just

not able to be achieved by their school. My children learn best with a project-led learning style. This enables them to become deeply immersed in an area of interest and this will often cross at least 5 key learning areas. Adhering to the Australian Curriculum would render this impossible for my children, and to this date, has been the only learning style that they have engaged in.

Researching and facilitating home education takes a lot of time and energy, but we have decided to follow this path with our children because they just don't respond to the Australian Curriculum. As a parent, it would be substantially easier to just enroll my child into distance education but we have already discovered that this method of learning would be detrimental to my children and our family. Drawing on our experience with traditional schooling

and learning methods, we would be unable to successfully follow the Australian Curriculum.

I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. For education to be inclusive of all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who struggle the most to fit into mainstream education.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Sincerely,

Christine Shipp

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