

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in Queensland. I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system as a parent who homeschooled my own family for over 25 years and raised six successful, happy, confident adults now aged between 20 and 30 years. My main concern is the push for all homeschoolers to align their learning experience with the Australian Curriculum. As a homeschooling parent and advocate, I firmly believe that this change would undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the preferred method of education for our children. It is a particularly dangerous decision for the many children who don't, and can't, fit with a standardised curriculum and style of learning due to disabilities, neurodivergence, giftedness, or for other reasons. I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these legislative changes. Stakeholders have made strong and unified submissions, but these have largely been ignored in the current bill. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. Please aim for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking that values input from all stakeholders and ensures the integrity and quality of our education system. Please support us in our current freedom to create our own individual learning plans for our own children, or follow any quality curriculum as currently allowed by the Home Education Unit, and not be forced to follow the Australian Curriculum.