

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my concerns with the amendments to the Education (General Provisions) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

As a registered teacher and home educating parent of 10 years, there are provisions on this bill which I do not support, and further, I believe will be detrimental to my family and the home education community in our state.

Home education provides a vital pathway for Queensland to remain creative, innovative and competitive within the global community. This happens because home educated children are educated in a child-centered, personalised way which is, in itself, outside the box of a standardised curriculum.

Insisting that parents follow the Australian Curriculum (ACARA) will make it near impossible to provide a personalised, high quality education in a homeschool setting.

Additionally, parents are not given the training and significant yearly professional development that teachers are given to implement ACARA in their classrooms. Teachers are also either only planning for one year level (in Primary) or one or two subjects (in Secondary). Home educating parents will be asked to plan and report on every subject, for multiple children, in different year levels. How is this equitable?

The Home Education Unit of Education Queensland already assesses each of us yearly to ensure a high quality education and the progress of each child. We are already expected to provide a far higher degree of detail in our submissions than any school report ever does. The expected increase in reporting requirements will take away valuable learning time from our children, but will also significantly increase the workload of the Home Education Unit. Where is the benefit in this change?

I urge the committee to recognise the profound impact of individualised education in homeschooling and to respect the autonomy, and the right to choose, of homeschooling families to continue providing personalised curriculums that best serve the needs of our children. One size does not fit all.

When embracing the diversity of approaches within homeschooling, we can ensure that every child receives a high-quality education that prepares them for success in the 21st century.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Bell

Homeschooling Parent and Advocate