

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Jess Pugh
Member for Mount Ommaney
Brisbane QLD 4074

Dear Ms Pugh

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system.

I'm a Mum of two young children (4 and 7 years of age) and a Clinical Psychologist with over 20 years experience in the field of Psychology. I write to you today to express my concern.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. I think the legislation will be expensive and onerous on parents and regulators. I don't think it adequately addresses the reasons behind the high rates of school refusal (approximately 25% I recently heard quoted) nor does it adequately support parents who wish to or need to home school their children. Most importantly it does not support children to seek and embrace life long intrinsic motivation and learning, and instead potentially introduces more barriers for those who already have found mainstream schooling to be an unsuitable fit for their education.

Moreover, I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of educators, parents, students, and community members to be heard and considered in any decision-making process that impacts our schools.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritise the best interests of our students, teachers, and schools. I implore you to advocate 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.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response and to further dialogue on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dr Wendy Ducat
Clinical Psychologist