

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that have recently been presented to parliament. As the husband of a home educating parent, I do not support the changes that have been introduced and am worried about how they will affect my family and the Queensland homeschooling population at large. My primary concern is with the proposal to enforce conformation with the Australian National Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum is a complex document that was developed for professionals and has been tailored to educate children in schools, and many schools actually employ curriculum specialists to assist in the application of this document due to its complexity. Homeschoolers do not have access to this level of expertise and cannot be expected to effectively implement it in their homes. It would place a burden on individuals and their children, and in a one-to-one setting this is not conducive to a high-quality education. My wife has spent hundreds of hours over 8 years of homeschooling researching and trialling different curriculums and teaching methods, in order to tailor my neurodivergent children's learning experience for their specific needs. They have made amazing progress and are thriving at home where the school system failed them, as my children do not learn best within the constraints of the Australian Curriculum. Additionally, it has been proposed that the reporting process should include progress on all subjects, which is far too much work for both parents and the Home Education Unit. This will create pointless hours of work for us and detract from the time spent educating our children. It will be pointless if the Home Education Unit do not intend to read all of our paperwork, which was suggested in consultation. Even if they do read all of the paperwork, it will increase their workload tenfold so we fail to see how this new system would benefit anyone. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. It is my hope that this legislation can be adapted to suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue. Sincerely, [REDACTED]