

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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As a parent of two homeschooled children ages 16 and 12 I find this new law out of touch and lacks empathy. Many homeschooled families do not choose this path to start with but give it a go for personal circumstances. While following the curriculum and attending schools both of my children were distraught and it was a psychologist that recommended our oldest daughter to pull out of traditional schooling. After years of struggling with suicidal thoughts from anxiety because of school we took the advice and removed her which was a financial sacrifice. Learning at home in our chosen curriculum and style completely transformed my daughters love for learning and emotional state. She is my now 16 and finished a nursing certificate plus starting her midwifery university degree soon. By suggesting following the qld curriculum (which I was a trained teacher) is the only and best choice is nonsense. This new law also lacks funding. You mention schools have funding towards programs and sites such as Microsoft 365 however are homeschooled parents going to receive these benefits or are we left to fund what is expected on there own. There's a reason why the number of families home schooling is rapidly increasing each year and maybe instead of changing the rules you should reflect why that is occurring. I hope you make the right decision [REDACTED]