

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament. As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on my family and the homeschooling community.

My primary issues of concern are that everyone will be required to use the national curriculum (ACARA) in some way in their plans and then will need to report on ALL areas they have in their plans.

After going through mainstream schooling from years Prep to year 5, and repeating year 2, I made the decision to home educate my daughter. My daughter struggled in school with the work based on the national curriculum, hence why she needed to repeat year 2. Unfortunately, what my daughter required was just not able to be achieved by her school. My daughter learns best with a project-led learning style. This enables her to become deeply immersed in an area of interest and this will often cross at least 5 key learning areas. Adhering to the Australian Curriculum would render this impossible for my daughter, and to this date, has been the only learning style that she has engaged in.

Reporting with evidence demonstrating educational progress on ALL subjects from the plan is WAY too much work for both US and HEU. If HEU don't intend to read all our paperwork, which was suggested in consultation, that is very inequitable and creates pointless hours of work for us. I would rather spend my time educating my daughter, helping her to become a productive member of society then writing copious amounts of paperwork that benefits no one.

I truly do understand the need for a good quality, high education, but how can it be said, that that education isn't being taught at home, when we are able to tailor specifically to our children's needs.

I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. For education to be inclusive of all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who struggle the most to fit into mainstream education.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Thank you