

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern, I oppose the current bill placed forward for home education in Queensland. Following the national curriculum won't work for all children which is why many families choose to home educate their children. I have homeschooled my children for the last 4 years as the mainstream environment was detrimental to my daughter's health. While she is now thriving at home, if we were to follow the national curriculum her mental health and that of our family unit would be greatly affected. She is diagnosed with high functioning Autism level two and Combined Attention Deficit Disorder. We need the freedom to homeschool our children in a way and using the resources that works for our own children. As homeschoolers we are still submitting satisfactory reports to the Home Education Unit and producing high quality education for our children. Many homeschooling children are highly sort for employment, many run their own successful businesses. My children are far ahead of their age comparable mainstream schooling peers. Homeschooling works! My children are free to learn about what interests them. They are self-motivated and research and find answers themselves, their life skills, communication skills and emotional stability is far greater than those attending school and following a standardised curriculum. We know that when kids want to learn something, they actually retain the content. In relation to the deletion of provisional registration without a plan, this would not have worked for my child, and many others I know. If a child is physically/ mentally or emotionally unwell they need to be removed from mainstream schooling immediately while the parent submits a request to HEU for homeschooling registration. I could not physically get my daughter to school, she was highly anxious, sick, refusing and emotionally broken. We needed to make a decision immediately to remove her from that environment. It is unfair in those situations to expect a child to wait in that environment while registration is being approved. Thankyou for taking all this into consideration, Kind regards, [REDACTED]