

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committee Members, As a parent to our four neurodiverse boys, I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation in Queensland and wish to express my strong opposition. Homeschooling has been a lifeline for our family, providing a flexible and nurturing environment where our children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. It has allowed us to tailor their education to their individual needs and interests, fostering a love for learning that traditional schooling could not provide. The proposed legislation's emphasis on increased regulation overlooks the fundamental right of parents to choose the best educational path for their children. It also fails to address the systemic barriers that many children with disabilities face in accessing quality education in mainstream schools. Furthermore, the requirement for homeschooling parents to adhere to the national curriculum poses significant challenges. As parents, we are not trained educators equipped to teach a standardized curriculum. Our focus is on providing an education that meets our children's unique needs and fosters their intellectual curiosity and personal growth. We firmly assert our right as parents to educate our children. They are our children, and we know them better than any system ever could. Homeschooling allows us to create an environment that nurtures their individual strengths, fosters their curiosity, and instils in them a love for learning that extends far beyond the confines of a classroom. Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the right of parents to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children. The proposed changes undermine this fundamental right and threaten to limit educational options for families like ours. In conclusion, I urge the committee to reconsider the proposed changes and ensure that homeschooling families have the freedom to provide an education that is best suited to their children's needs and interests. Sincerely, [REDACTED]