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

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Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee

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## Dear Committee,

I am contacting you to object to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024 regarding homeschool education in Queensland.

My objections are regarding modification to:

- 1) Provisional Registration, Clause 64 Amendment of s 212 (Child taken to be provisionally registered while application decided). This takes away the much needed time for first-time home schooler parents to put together and organise the home-schooling plan for their children. For me, as a first time home-schooling parent, this time provided was precious as it was hard to navigate for the first time what the process was and put together a plan. This would have been extremely stressful have we had to provide a plan overnight when looking into commencing this journey of home education.
- 2) the strict use of the Australian Curriculum; Clause 68 Amendment of s 217 (Standard conditions). Child lead education is so important to homeschool education. I have observed first hand that when my child is interested in something, she actually retains the content much better. While the Australian curriculum can be a wonderful guideline for parents and something that, personally I use as a guide for her age, it is not 100% what we stick to and it also shouldn't be imposed in all families across the board. This clause imposes a 'one-size-fits-all' model. In addition, reporting in each subject area will result in an enormous load work for parents taking away important time from teaching their children to produce such an enlarged report.
- 3) Proof that home-schooling is in the 'best interest of the child'. This proposal is unclear as to what this requirement is exactly and raises questions as to how a parent can prove their decision to home-school their child. Most importantly, who will be deciding whether there is enough proof or if home-school IS in the best interest of the child?

Thank you for your time and consideration

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