

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Good afternoon, I am writing to you in regard to the newly proposed amendments to the education legislation in our state. As a home educating parent in Qld I do not support the suggested changes and am worried about the impact these amendments would have, not only on our family, but also the wider community should they proceed. I am particularly concerned about clause 68 in section 217 as these proposed changes will drastically affect my ability to provide a high-quality education. We have previously tried using the Australian Curriculum to educate our child, both in a school setting and at home through Distance Education. However, both instances did not work for our child and because of this our child was not receiving a high-quality education, her wellbeing was suffering, and she was not thriving. However, with the support and approval through HEU, I have now been able to tailor her education plan to meet both her interests and her academic abilities where they are at. Because of this she is now engaging in learning, she is making progress in academic abilities and her overall wellbeing is flourishing. Therefore, the current legislation is allowing me to provide the best quality education for our child and should I have to refer back to the Australian curriculum standards I am concerned she will disengage, not progress in her abilities and it will stifle her love of learning. In light of this concern, I urge you to please, carefully consider the proposed changes to the education legislation and to prioritize the best interest of the children. Home educating parents are not out to do the wrong thing. In actual fact we want the same thing - the best possible education for our children, so they can thrive and therefore excel as adults and become contributing members of society. Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and for considering my concerns in light of this proposal.