

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to object to the proposed changes to homeschooling in Queensland. These changes are a complete overreach by the government and they have no right to decide what and how my child learns. As a father to a current homeschooling family, these changes add no benefits to my child. I would like to know how planning and reporting across ALL subjects of the national curriculum assists in the learning of my child? This defeats the purpose of homeschooling. I have seen my child thrive in a homeschool environment compared to a mainstream one, and this is purely due to the time and effort my wife puts in to create a curriculum that is in his best interests, and includes many hands on, and real-life experiences. Following a national curriculum will essentially place my child back into the mainstream setting in which he had no engagement and impeded his learning. Taking the time to plan and report on ALL subjects will be a substantial amount of time wasted. It would be in the best interest of the child to use this time to learn, explore and participate in social activities.

Furthermore, our decision to homeschool was based on my child's experience at school. As his father, I do not need to "prove" to anyone why homeschooling is best for my child. I would like to know 'who' will be deciding what is best for my child. It is absurd to think that anyone could make a more informed decision on their child's education than the parents themselves.