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

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Re: Home education curriculum legislation proposal QLD 2024



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed changes to the legislation governing home education, particularly the proposal to enforce home educating families to follow the standard curriculum.

I strongly object to this proposal for several reasons, chief among them being the detrimental impact it would have on the high-rates of neurodivergent children within these families. The current educational system often fails to adequately support neurodivergent learners due to their vast variety of needs, and many families turn to home education as a means of providing a more tailored and inclusive learning environment.

Neurodivergent children require a broader and more creative approach to their education in order to thrive. Enforcing rigid curriculum standards on these already vulnerable members of society would only exacerbate their struggles and hinder their development. It is essential that we recognize and respect the diverse needs of neurodivergent learners and provide them with the flexibility and support they require to reach their full potential.

Moreover, imposing such standards on home educating families would not only be ineffective but also unjust. It would infringe upon the rights of parents to choose the best educational path for their children and could lead to unnecessary trauma and dysfunction within these family units.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on supporting and empowering home educating families, particularly those with neurodivergent children, by providing resources and flexibility that enable them to create individualized learning plans tailored to their unique needs. By doing so, we can ensure that all children have access to a quality education that fosters their growth as a whole.

Thank you for considering my concerns on this important matter. I look forward to hearing your response and to working together to ensure the well-being and rights of all children in our community.

Sincerely,

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