

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament. As a homeschooling Mum, I do not support some of these changes and I am very concerned what impact it will have on my child and our homeschooling community throughout Queensland. I am particularly concerned about the following. •How the Australian Curriculum will be better suited than a personalised homeschooling plan. I know many families as well as myself who work hard with our children and their educational needs and interests. I, like many others tailor our curriculum to suit our children's needs and learning capabilities. This will be lost with the new suggested bill.

•Reporting on all subjects, this takes more time away from parents educating & searching for resources for their children. It will mean less one on one time. •Full registration with no 60-day provisional. This is added unnecessary stress, especially if a child needs to be homeschooled for safety reasons or refusal to return to mainstream school. •Reduction to show cause reduced to 14days. Parents need as much time as possible to gather the correct and accurate information.

•No certificate to Home Educate. I don't understand why this can't remain. It appears that you're adjusting a system that has worked for so long, without just cause. I believe this will strongly affect my child because she will lose her voice and freedom of choice. In my child's early school years, she enjoyed school and thrived because she had an amazing teacher. As time went on that was not the case as she lost interest in class and was disengaged when she was not supported in a crowded classroom. This will be our 3rd year of homeschooling and she loves the freedom of choice to choose what she can learn for the year, as well as the flexibility of changing or expanding on her subjects. I find it very concerning that this legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current and past homeschooling families. There are many advocates for homeschooling out here that have gone unheard. Many children learn in all different forms suited to their individual personalities and abilities, not a one size fits all. Through this homeschooling journey, I have met the most amazing and knowledgeable families with children of all backgrounds and cultures. So, I ask kindly for you to please hear the voices of the homeschool community and support us moving forward to ensure our children continue with the best personalised quality of home education. Sincerely, [REDACTED]