

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed changes to homeschooling in Queensland. As a parent deeply invested in the education and well-being of my children, I am gravely concerned about the potential implications of these changes, particularly given the unique needs of my children. My major concerns regarding the proposed changes are as follows:

Individualized Learning for Children with Delayed Learning Needs: My children have delayed learning needs that require personalized attention and one-on-one teaching to thrive academically. Traditional school settings have failed to adequately address their learning challenges, resulting in significant gaps in their education. Homeschooling has been the most effective way to cater to their individual learning styles and pace, allowing them to progress at their own rate and receive the specialized support they require.

Safety and Well-being in School Environment: Additionally, my children do not feel safe or comfortable in a traditional school environment. They have experienced anxiety and distress due to bullying and social pressures, which have negatively impacted their overall academic performance and mental health. Homeschooling has provided them with a safe and nurturing learning environment where they can flourish without the fear of intimidation or harassment.

Disruption to Established Educational Routine: Any changes to homeschooling regulations could disrupt the established educational routine that my children have become accustomed to and rely on for their academic success. Abrupt alterations to the homeschooling framework may result in uncertainty and instability, potentially jeopardizing the progress they have made thus far. The proposed changes to homeschooling in Queensland threaten to undermine the educational progress and well-being of my children, as well as countless others who benefit from the flexibility and personalized approach of homeschooling. It is essential that the government recognizes and respects the diverse needs of families and ensures that all children have access to suitable educational options that meet their individual requirements.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes and prioritize the best interests of homeschooling families and their children. Thank you for considering my objections and advocating for the rights of homeschooling families in Queensland. Sincerely, Donna Greene