

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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My comments relate solely to the amendments in respect of Home Education in QLD. The proposed amendments to require parents to demonstrate that home education is in the best interests of a child is a primarily subjective decision that parents are best placed to determine. Where there is a risk of harm, existing legislation should provide sufficient protection. The proposed amendments will create additional stress for parents many of whom are choosing to home educate because the mainstream education system has failed to adequately protect or support their child.

This change flies in the face of a parent's right to home educate their children. A parent is best placed to identify what is in their child's - and their family's - best interests.