

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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As a Home Educator living in ACT, I am writing into the committee for two reasons: one, to show my support for home educating families in QLD (some of whom are friends of mine), and two, to share my perspective as someone who enjoys the approach the ACT government takes on this.

The proposed changes to the legislation in QLD should not be put through - I believe they would be a step backwards in achieving the best education for QLD children. In the ACT, we need to submit annual reports showing our children's progress across areas such as Literacy, Numeracy, Physical, and Social. We are free to interpret what a "high quality education" means for our kids, as those who know them best. In our family, we don't follow the Australian Curriculum. Rather, we approach home education as a family, using a method known as Unit Studies - this means we learn about a topic of interest with my 3 kids learning together, incorporating all the subjects (except Maths). Each child is also given separate age-appropriate assignments to complete on the topic of our present Unit Study. I have been delighted to witness their love for learning be rekindled and to see them making the connections between the disciplines of Literature, Science, Geography, History, Art, etc., rather than approaching these subjects in a sterile, disjointed way. Having the freedom to work outside the Australian Curriculum has meant that my kids are getting a better education than they would in school. They are learning that education is for all of life, that it is interesting, and that there is a whole world out there to discover. Please, when you consider changes to the legislation, remember this: Parents (in general) are the best ones who are equipped to know what their kids need, and they care more about their kids' education and future than the government ever will. Don't make legislation on the assumption that you know better than parents!