

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Education Committee Members,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm 11 years old. I'm writing to say I have been following with my family about the changes to the homeschooling legislation in Queensland and I strongly disagree with them.

I have a few different diagnosis including severe anxiety around food, which make it difficult for me to be in a traditional school environment. The pressure around food and the need to sit still for long periods of time create huge amounts of anxiety for me, making it hard to focus and learn. When I was at school I received very little support and my anxiety only grew worse over time making learning hard and I started missing lots of days of school.

Since we started homeschooling my life is so much better. I am part of the 80% of homeschoolers who do not use the ACARA curriculum. Instead, I am supported in learning my own way, with lots of movement breaks when I need them. Now I am happy and can learn so much around all the things that interest me which helps a lot with my attention.

I love to raise animals, including the 300 native tadpoles we recently found on our property. I have a passion for science and know all about atoms and the periodic table. I'm also creating my own t-shirt business and researching raising hermit crabs. I love fossils, playing the piano, and learning French. Mum says I am also really great at helping my little brother now he is beginning his homeschooling journey too.

I reject the changes to homeschooling legislation, especially asking us to justify why we choose to homeschool. If homeschooling is a valid choice for families like mine, then we should be able to choose it without having to explain our decision to the government.

Thank you for your taking the time to read this

