

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Hello,

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 home educating parent, I do not support these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on my family and the homeschooling community.

I am particularly concerned about using and reporting on the national curriculum and proving that homeschooling is in the best interest of my own child/ren.

As a homeschooling family, we have tried using the Australian Curriculum to educate our child, both at school and at home. It just doesn't work for our child. To this date, we have been fortunate to have the flexibility to choose how we provide a high quality education for our child, and our once struggling and disengaged child is now thriving.

Some children are more advanced and adhering to the curriculum stifles their ability to learn in a different way or at a faster pace. The Australian curriculum is trying to fit all children into the same box, which tends to cater to the lowest denominator. Home schooling allows you to cater to a child's learning needs outside that box, which is precisely why it works.

I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. For education to be inclusive of all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who struggle the most to fit into mainstream education.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Sincerely,
Bethney Anderson