

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I have concerns about the proposals in the Education Bill 2024. •Increased reporting expectations to demonstrate educational progress I have home educated my children for almost 7 years. The first 5 of those years were in NSW and the last 2 have been in Queensland. The system of written reports with no personal contact or feedback here in Queensland has been very challenging for me, because so much of the reporting in NSW was so personal in an interview format. I don't believe that the HEU has the ability to read, interpret and give adequate feedback on such extensive reports. This means that valuable time would be taken from me each year to provide reports which would appear to provide no benefit to my children, as no feedback is provided in the current format. I am also concerned about the requirement to show educational progress. I'm happy to show that I am providing opportunities for my children to learn, however, it is obvious to anyone who has ever taught children that you can't make them learn or progress. I don't believe that schools are required to prove progress, and I think it's unreasonable to expect home educators, who often have the most complex children, to do so, especially across all subject areas every year.