

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee members, I am writing to advocate for the safeguarding of choice in homeschooling education in Queensland. As both a homeschooling parent and a qualified health practitioner I strongly believe that parents should have the freedom to choose the education that best suits their children's needs. For me the essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it affords my children to learn in a way that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my children's autonomy and hinder their ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs. We homeschool our three children. When we first decided to leave the school system we realized quickly that following a specific curriculum was detrimental to our child's learning and their overall mental health and well-being. For the past eight years we have been registered with the Home Education Unit (HEU), and have successfully implemented and continually evaluated an individualized and unique plan for each of our children. At home using a self-directed learning approach, my children are thriving. Free from the constraints of a standardized curriculum, they are able to pursue their interests, passions, and career aspirations with enthusiasm and determination. Homeschooling has also provided a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritizes our children's mental and emotional well-being. Without the expectations, pressures and anxieties associated with implementing a standardized curriculum, they are able to flourish and develop a positive self-image that will serve them well throughout their lives. As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my children's education, I ask the committee to reconsider this one size fits all approach and instead focus on the freedom and flexibility that homeschooling affords, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to receive a high-quality education that meets their unique needs and aspirations. Thank you for considering my concerns. Sincerely, Liz Paul MNut Diet BHMS

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