

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern,

We don't approve of the proposed legislation changes to the homeschooling in Qld. We primarily don't want to plan or report to the national curriculum, we don't want to "demonstrate progress" in all subjects every year, and we don't agree to the guiding principle that homeschooling must be proven to be in the best interests of our child. (because it is not clear who determines this or how!)

We have homeschooled our son who is now 17 years old for a total of 6 years. We decided to homeschool him because we had observed his gradual disengagement and loss of interest in learning at school. Through our homeschooling years we focused on our son's interests and strengths while always providing an opportunity for trying new subjects. After 6 years of homeschooling our then 15 years old son decided to return to school to complete A-levels in Physics, Maths and English. (at that time, we had moved OS) Today our 17 years old son is the youngest student in the final year of the A-level program (Cambridge curriculum) achieving strong results and most of all he is loving learning. To top it up he was elected school's Head Boy. Next year he is planning to return to Australia to study Aerospace Engineering.

All of this was possible because we chose homeschooling at a pivotal time and we were flexible in learning while focusing on the strengths and interests of our child.

We believe that if we were not allowed to do so it would've been detrimental to our son and as a result, he would not have been a happy and an inquisitive life-long learner as he is today.

Best regards,

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