

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear The Committee

I oppose the proposed changes to the Queensland education legislation regarding changes to how home school is managed. As a constituent and mother of home-schooled children of the community I feel I need to speak up and voice my concerns.

I am a mother to three children; I am bachelor qualified health professional working with families in the community regarding family mental health.

My primary concern is that planning and reporting based on the Australian national curriculum (ACARA) standards would not suit my children's best interest. The proposed changes are discriminatory, my children are neurodivergent and require autonomy over the pace and direction of their studies to ensure we are prioritising their mental health and wellbeing. They have struggled to maintain pace with ACARA in the past which has led to decline in mental health and family wellbeing.

My child struggles to understand concepts in segmented formats as the subjects are divided in the ACARA, my children require real life experiences to be broken down to reveal learning opportunities through a holistic experience that makes sense in relation to their experience of the world around them. Learning based on ACARA has not cemented ideas of understanding, whereas learning through natural exposure and conversation with members of community experts and mixed peer groups provides deeper awareness that is present long term and propels my children's learning ahead of their peers in traditional schooling environments.

The amount of reporting that would be required to show evidence against all subjects would be an overreach of my individual resources when I am a full-time mother with children who benefit from my attention, this paperwork is unnecessary in their learning and wellbeing and detrimental to our family values when, as mothers, we are already overburdened as unsupported work forces in the community.

Not providing provisional registration is a dangerous decision which I oppose. It removes the ability to move a child out of unsafe, harmful, or unhealthy environments and find a better solution for their individual circumstances.

The right to choose the best learning environment, schedule and content for my child is fundamental to my responsibility as a mother to provide a safe and nurturing experience for my child to grow and thrive.

I am an advocate for the physical, mental, and emotional health of families in my community.

I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation, if these changes are to come into effect, my expectation is that all families will be entitled to a budget of resources that will enable adequate training and framework to deliver the Australian curriculum as intended at a standard to achieve our learning goals at a high standard.

Thank you for reading my concerns and taking the time to consider the needs of our community.
I look forward to your response.

Kindest regards,

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