

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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A submission FIRMLY AGAINST the proposed changes by the Queensland Government to legislate homeschoolers.

As a staunch advocate for educational autonomy, I resist any encroachment on our rights to homeschool according to our beliefs and values.

It is disheartening to witness the potential imposition of the Australian National Curriculum into our legislation. Our diverse community of homeschoolers thrives on the flexibility to tailor education to suit our children's unique needs and interests, and I adamantly oppose any attempts to homogenize our approach.

Furthermore, the insistence on reporting and demonstrating progress across every subject area is burdensome and unnecessary. Homeschooling parents are best positioned to evaluate our children's development holistically, without the need for excessive bureaucratic oversight. The proposal allowing the Home Education Unit (HEU) to request reporting is deeply concerning and infringes upon our privacy and autonomy.

Homeschooling is a deeply personal choice made in the best interest of our children, and I reject any insinuation that we must justify this decision to external authorities. Attempting to justify this legislation by stating a need to ensure the welfare of homeschoolers is laughable. I have yet to meet in my years of homeschooling, a neglected homeschooler. And in fact the opposite is true. Lazy, neglectful, abusive parents send their kids to school because it is 100x the easier option. Parents that homeschool demonstrate high levels of commitment to their child's wellbeing Every. Single. Day.

The Australian curriculum is failing the kids of Australia. The evidence is in the research. Do not impose this inferior system on the people who are choosing something better!

In conclusion, I urge the relevant authorities to heed our voices and respect the fundamental right of parents to choose the education that aligns with their values and beliefs. Let us continue to advocate tirelessly for the freedom to homeschool without undue interference or regulation.

Please feel free to reach out if there are further actions I can take to support our cause.

Sincerely,
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