

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you as a concerned grandparent of home educated children about the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

My concerns are as follows:

- The bill's requirement for parents to have to prove that home education is the best option for their children. Surely, a parent's right to choose what form of education they enrol their children in should be upheld in this state. Parents who know and love their children and want their success in life will make wise choices regarding education and if they deem home education to be the best option for their family, they should be able to freely choose it, without government interference.
- The new legislation states that all registered home educating parents will need to follow the Australian National Curriculum - a curriculum written for schools. Home education is **not** school at home and many parents would not like to have their current freedoms to choose how they educate their child/ren reduced to one rigid and formula curriculum. I see my home educated grandchildren involved in so much more than just academic learning and the learning for life they do is essential in seeing them thrive now and into adulthood. A standard curriculum doesn't seem to me to be something that would work for all children and their families in the home school environment - which is much different to school at home.
- The proposed changes to program and report writing would make more work for home educating parents who already work very hard to ensure that their child/ren have a diverse and relevant education. I'm also assuming that the government is going to have to add many more staff to the Home Education Unit to assess longer programs and reports in order for this system to work best. And then there is the cost to emotional well-being for parents and children being forced to change how they home educate. My daughter-in-law has been successfully teaching her two sons for eight years - as her annual approval for continuing registration from the HEU proves. To ask her to radically change her yearly submissions to HEU and her whole philosophy of education, as well as asking the boys to have to perform according to a set curriculum seems too demanding.

Thank you all for taking the time to seriously consider the new legislation and seeking to understand the way that this legislation will adversely affect thousands of Queensland families who are simply taking responsibility for their own families and their child/ren's education.

Yours sincerely,

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