Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Ms Telford,

Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice, Di Farmer, recently introduced the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 into the Queensland Parliament and submissions were called for.

We have few reservations about the majority of the many changes proposed to the Bill, however, we are concerned with some aspects surrounding the homeschooling amendments.

Living nearby, one of two grandsons has been home schooled for more than four years. We are constantly surprised by his knowledge base and, at times, amazed by the outcomes achieved by his "power mum". Homeschooling holds such an obvious advantage for the thriving student.

So, primarily we do not agree with the guiding principle that homeschooling must be proven to be in the best interests of the child while it remains unclear how and who (other than a child's parent) will determine this.

We also do not want to see busy homeschooling mums have to 'demonstrate progress' in all subjects every year.

Yours sincerely,

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