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

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To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee,

I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

This proposed Bill will have a direct impact on restricting homeschooling families in their freedom of choice when it comes to educating their children, therefore having a detrimental effect on thousands of children and families across the state.

I am a Queensland qualified and registered teacher who is quite familiar with teaching the Australian Curriculum, it is for this reason that I object to the proposed Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024. The Australian Curriculum is far too broad and the amount of work required to teach and assess the various standards are too much for a qualified teacher to teach let alone any homeschooling parent. Year after year, teachers kill themselves to try and fulfil the expectations of the Australian Curriculum. These expectations are ridiculous! I have seen first hand the toll it takes trying to meet the various needs of students while also trying to teach the curriculum. I have seen good teachers fail and become burnt out and I have seen many students fall through the cracks because of this flawed system. I have seen children crippled with anxiety and depression due to not being able to meet the standards set by the Australian Curriculum; so many of these students would have thrived if they had been given the opportunities that Homeschooling children have. Currently in Queensland, homeschooling children learn at their own pace; education is interest based and children have the opportunity to have one-on-one teaching and learning. These opportunities should be valued!

As parents, my husband and I have recently decided to homeschool our children, our eldest child is to commence Prep in 2025. We are a one-income household which makes private schooling next to impossible and we feel that the public school system and the Australian Curriculum do not align with our family values in addition to the points noted above. We do not agree with the genderfication and WOKE agendas being pushed onto children through the State system and the Australian Curriculum. We feel it is our right as parents to choose how and where our children learn and are educated; do we not know what's best for our own children?



PS. Please redact my personal contact information from publication. Thank you.