

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

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Hello,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the home education legislation changes that have been proposed for Queensland. As a homeschooling parent of 3 years, it is crucial that these concerns be heard. The impact these proposed changes could have on my family and the homeschooling community as a whole are going to be devastating if this ever passes.

We are very happy with homeschooling as it is now and it is just what my child needs. The school system absolutely did not meet my child's needs. My daughter is a couple of years ahead of her peer level and was very bored at school. When I requested extension work, absolutely nothing was done. It was extremely disappointing.

I am especially upset that following ACARA is proposed. My child, since being home educated, has found her passions and is doing work that actually challenges her and that she really enjoys, work which she would never have had the chance to do if we'd kept her on the school system, following ACARA. In general people have much more success when doing things that interest them, and I have found this with my daughter. I thought this country valued individuality and successful children. How is it better to have children following exactly the same curriculum when their needs are so different?

Homeschooling provides for the diversity of each child, unlike school, with a teacher student ratio of 30:1 and where students are all taught in exactly the same way. What is more, in classrooms there is a lot more potential for children getting distracted by the disruptive behaviour of others. How is any of this providing value to the child's education? How is it in their best interests? And how can schools provide all children's lessons at the appropriate level for each one? With 30 and upwards kids per class, they simply cannot. The school system also has a huge amount of children leaving illiterate and with poor numeracy, who eventually end up costing the state more as these people are more likely to end up on welfare. How is any of this suitable to for anyone's child?

Also, do you know how successful homeschooled children are in life? They go to university or into vocational education, get into trades or careers and have good jobs. Most of them have never followed ACARA and instead learned much more, and more quickly, because they were homeschooled.

It seems these factors have not even been considered, and more research needs to be done before introducing bills that have no idea of what the real issues are or why people choose to homeschool.

Homeschooling gives the parent and child the prerogative to do education with a focus on their best learning modalities and interests. And who has the child's best interests in mind, and has more invested in a high quality education, than parents, who value our children more than anything else in life?

Then there is the great deal of extra time for parents to plan and report on all subjects in ACARA, as well as the fact the Home Education Unit will have to read and sign off on all this extra too. It was even suggested that HEU won't even be reading all the paperwork, they are already too busy, so most of all the extra work will fall to the parents whose extra work won't even be read. This is not acceptable.

Is it any wonder that we are very much opposed to this legislation? We have the best interests of our children in mind, and we left the school system to pursue homeschool in the first place because we found out that schools can't do it!

I request that none of my personal details be shared.

Thank you.

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