Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee

I object to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024 for the following reasons:

• Parents choose to home educate NOT because it's the easy way out, but because they believe it is the most suitable educational environment for their child/ren. For many children, the school environment is far from ideal as more and more problems arise in the school environment.

Homeschooling environments provide the choice of flexibility, variety and the ability to customise the individual child's learning plan that works with and for that child. This is not something available within a school.

Mandating a national curriculum for every child does not allow for the individual learning needs of our children.

I ask, what purpose does that serve? Why do you think every child in Queensland has to learn with the same curriculum?

• Removal of 60 day provisional registration will disadvantage families and children who may need to homeschool unexpectedly in the interest of their child's wellbeing. If a child needs to be removed from the school environment immediately, there absolutely needs to be a grace period for the educators/parents to put together a plan and it is completely unreasonable to expect a plan to be made overnight.

• Reporting on 8 different Key Learning Areas - is an enormous amount of reporting, taking away from valuable learning/planning time with our children. I believe not even school teachers report this amount.

We do not want high quality education to be defined by the National School Curriculum.

Please remember, the government is here to serve the people, not dictate to them.

Yours sincerely,

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