

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Good morning

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed homeschool education changes.

As a homeschooling Mum and part-time Primary School teacher, I am particularly concerned about home education being limited to the Australian Curriculum. This is very restrictive and, in many cases, will not be able to be met if we are to provide a high-quality education.

The school system is not catering to the majority of kids. Children are disengaged and not learning to their full potential in the classroom. Firstly, the ratio of children to teacher means that lessons are taught to the kids in the middle range. Kids who are struggling, kids who take a little longer to learn, kids who need one on one, kids who need hands-on learning, kids who have special needs, and kids who don't fit into mainstream are falling further behind as the teacher must continue through content at a fast pace to meet the curriculum requirements. Children who already understand the concept are bored and not being challenged. The number of classroom distractions and behaviour problems mean that most of the day, content is hurried through or skimmed over. The ACARA curriculum is too crowded for most children to really get a full understanding of it, and for many children there is NOT enough time spent on the essentials of literacy and mathematics.

Many children who homeschool will not achieve anywhere near as much as they will achieve at home if they need to imitate a classroom environment by teaching the Australian curriculum. Rushing through content to tick boxes is not allowing children to learn at their full potential, or acquire a love for learning. Most of what children learn in school is learned for a test, not for life. Most of what they learn in school is not taught in a way that interests them, or in-depth, so children are not retaining the information or developing a love for learning.

Homeschooling allows me to teach my children one on one, at their pace, targeting their interests and learning styles. Who is going to love my child more than me and want what's best for them more than me? The quality of education and best interest of the child in home education far exceeds that which is in the classroom.

I also oppose the increased reporting requirements included in the legislation. The information already provided by home educators is sufficient and the proposed requirements will exceed the requirements for schools.

I believe that provisional registration is necessary to protect families leaving the school system for emergency situations. It is not reasonable for children to stay in a damaging setting until a full plan is written and approved.

It is my hope that this legislation can be written to suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

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