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.

The proposed legislation changes are not beneficial to Queensland homeschooling families. I am considering homeschooling my young child whilst our family works/travels across Australia. A lot of my friends are now choosing to homeschool and their children are thriving. Parents know what is best for their children and are able to create their own suitable curriculums. Homeschooling families have already done this for generations and I believe this has been in the best interest of their children. There is nothing better than one on one teachings and practical lessons in the real world. This form of education is also extremely beneficial for our indigenous families, to be able to pass on tribal knowledge. The freedom of choice to be able to create specific indigenous curriculum should not be restricted by the education department.

I also believe that in this day and age teacher student ratios are not adequate in increasingly busy state schools. Additionally, requesting that homeschooling parents do excess reporting in all areas of educational progress, compared to the basic reporting requirements in conventional state schools is unacceptable.

Overall, the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee, do not have more rights than a child's parent to decide how to best educate their own children, and homeschooling parents are more than capable of creating and presenting tailored curriculum, in a safe and loving environment. The proposed legislative changes hinder homeschooling parents freedom of choice when it comes to educating their children, and the legislative changes will be detrimental to thousands of homeschooling children state wide.

Kind regards,

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