

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

I would like to express my objection to the proposed changes in the Education Bill 2024 to the state of Queensland.

As a homeschooling parent, I strongly believe that these changes would jeopardise the reasons why many families, like mine, have chosen homeschooling for our children.

Homeschooling allows children to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my child's autonomy and impact his ability to pursue education in a way that best suits his needs. The changes mainly aim to enforce a standardised curriculum without considering why many families choose to homeschool in the first place. This approach fails to address the core issues at hand and risks further alienating homeschooling families from the educational system.

Furthermore, enforcing a standardised curriculum fails to recognise the diverse interests and talents of homeschooling students. It overlooks the fact that every child is unique and may thrive in different subject areas or learning environments. If we have strict educational requirements, we might prevent children from following their passions and reaching their full potential.

We have been homeschooling our son after removing him from public state school due to concerns of his mental health after a lengthy and unsupported battle with bullying within his school. This caused his mental health to worsen and his anxiety about social situations at school and in class to increase. My son is now flourishing in his homeschool education and is exploring so many more opportunities than what a traditional school could ever provide him.

In conclusion, rather than imposing stricter regulations, I urge the committee to prioritise understanding and addressing the root causes of homeschooling trends. This entails listening to and considering the feedback from homeschooling parents, who are directly impacted by these legislative changes. Their insights and experiences are invaluable in shaping effective policies that support the diverse needs of families while ensuring the well-being and educational success of children.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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