

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

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### Attachments:

### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to object to the proposals in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. Specifically, I am deeply concerned about its affect on homeschooling. I draw your attention to the following points: Clause 18 Amendment of s 7 (Guiding principles): Holds home education to a higher standard than QLD schools. This is an unnecessary burden for home educating families. Clause 68 Amendment of s 217 (Standard conditions) (5) • Section 217— (3) (a) — Defines “approved education and training program” as the “national school curriculum” (known as the Australian Curriculum), meaning families can no longer choose an appropriate curriculum that meets their child’s needs. • (1) Section 217(1)(ba) — a parent of the child must give the chief executive a written report—(i) for the period the child is registered for home education; and (ii) in relation to each subject or learning area that is part of the educational program used for the child’s home education. This is a huge task that no teacher in a schooling system would ever be required to provide. This is another unnecessary burden placed on families home educating their children. Clause 63 Amendment of s 211 (Chief executive may require further information or documents): This clause reduces the amount of time (28 days) to 14 days, forcing rapid action in a situation where a parent may be transitioning to homeschooling due to trauma, such as bullying in school. Reducing application times only adds stress to a potentially stressful situation or worse means that children stay in the situation causing trauma while the parent completes the application. Lots of red flags regarding child safety here. We have been effectively homeschooling our child since 2020, when government mandates forced children to stay at home. Our child thrives learning from a rich environment of educational materials selected by his parents. We fully engage with our child’s learning journey, and we are very active in the homeschooling communities of the area we live in. Home schoolers communicate as a collective, and we share knowledge and resources. Amendments such as Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 appear to seek to more tightly control a culture that is thriving organically, and we object to that.