

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

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To the QLD parliamentary committee regarding the change to home-schooling legislation. Last December, my wife and I had our first baby girl. Since even before then, we have thought about the future we have planned for our children. We have both decided that home-schooling our children would be the best thing to do for them. I am a video game programmer and my wife is a 3d animator. You might not know this, but the Australian games market is worth \$4.21 billion AUD in 2023. Not only has this figure doubled over the past six years, but during covid - where many other industries were suffering - the video game industry saw a growth in profits and employment. Globally, in 2022, the gaming industry made an estimated amount of \$184.4 billion USD according to Forbes. A gigantic amount considering music and movies only made \$26.2 billion and \$26 billion, respectively. Not only is it profitable to work in video games, but it is also very flexible, often allowing people to work from home, or even be completely independent. I find this is ideal in a post-covid world. I say all this because I believe my wife and I have a wealth of knowledge that is very specialised to our industry and cannot be learned in any pre-tertiary educational institution. I believe that through home-schooling, we can give our daughter, and other children God may bless us with, the best start in life. Even if video games aren't in my daughter's future, my wife and I will gladly dedicate our full attention and resources into exploring anything she desires to the fullest extent we can manage. Changing the definition of an approved education plan from providing a high quality education to the Australian Curriculum doesn't allow parents to be flexible with how we will choose to deliver our education. Currently, if our daughter expresses an interest in one subject, let's say, Pokémon, we are able to lean into that topic and explore biology, chemistry, ecosystems, geography because we're using her interest as a launchpad to propel her learning. I fear that if the changes in legislation were to go through, parents will need to explore all 8 learning areas in-depth, potentially getting in the way of our daughter's learning driven by her passion. Nothing drives learning like a child's lofty dreams and insatiable curiosity. For any parent, it would be an absolute travesty to stunt their growth in these formative years because of misguided bureaucracy. If these changes to home-schooling come to pass, it will be a sad day for the future prosperity of our nation.