Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee, I am a primary school teacher who has chosen to homeschool her own children, and 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. I choose to homeschool my children to give them a higher quality, lower pressure and personalised curriculum. This is not what the National Curriculum offers. It is a complicated document that teachers get multiple Professional Development days a year to help them interrupt and understand it. Which part of the curriculum will we be required to assess on? The Strands? Content descriptors? Overviews? The parent overviews that are included in the document? The time it would take to understand and report on these, would be better spent on finding resources and preparing activities to help my children learn. I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. For education to be inclusive and engaging for all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who have chosen to home school their children. Going by what I've read in online spaces, the harder and more complicated it becomes to home school our children, the more families will go underground and not register. This will not help you with your aim to ensure all children have access to a high quality education.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue. Kind regards, Casey