

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing to express my objection to the proposed changes to Homeschooling in Queensland. I am a qualified Registered Nurse with a degree and post-graduate qualifications in Education. I homeschool my primary school aged daughter who has Autism and a nervous system disability called PDA. Any demand placed on her elicits a shutdown response. My daughter was in mainstream schooling until Year 2. The classroom environment could not cater to her disability. It was noisy, there was constant demands on her, there was constant change and swapping of her trusted teachers. We moved into homeschooling and for the first time we saw a happy engaged child who loved to learn!! We tailor the curriculum to her. She CAN'T follow the full Australian Curriculum due to her disability. Many of us are homeschooling because the huge demands of the curriculum was too much for our children to be able to cope. We use the curriculum and tailor it to meet the individual needs of our children. Ultimately, this is what education strives for - meeting the needs of the child. I do not agree with the proposed changes. My child following a full curriculum is NOT in her best interest as she is unable to cope with this. I strongly oppose the proposal to report on all subjects. Our current reporting requirements we submit to HEU is already a huge effort to prove progress each year. As a homeschooling parent, constituent and a member of the community, I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes to the Education legislation and to open up a dialogue with ALL students, parents and key stakeholders to be a collaborative and inclusive process.