Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Submitter Comments:

I object to the proposed changes to homeschooling in Queensland. My major points of concern include: Defining "what is best for the child" outside of my parental judgement and outsourcing this vague statement of quality to the government and/or outside entities. My family believes that we can provide a better education to our son outside of the school system. We contribute to our community as tax-payers, voters, business owner and employer and take issue with anyone trying to decide above us what is in our child's best interest. Mandating that a high quality education is only one that follows the Australian Curriculum which is limiting and places restrictions and undue burden on home educating parents who are choosing to follow their child's interests and making great sacrifices in order to provide a high quality education outside of the school system. Removing the grace period to submit a plan with your application is not a provision that would directly impact our family since we have decided that our son will not enter the school system, however, it is incredibly short sighted for a large amount of families who are choosing to exit the school system due to the systemic challenges of student mental health, bullying, etc. These are families that desperately need the time and grace to transition to a safer choice for their children without excessive bureaucratic stipulations being placed upon them. For that reason, I object.Please consider the very real and passionate community of homeschooling families that are making hard choices to do wonderful things for their children within a system that doesn't and isn't capable of providing enough personalisation to learning, which is by nature, very personal! Don't limit them further, provide additional bureaucratic hoops and undermine their choices.