

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To Whom It May Concern We do not support the proposed legislation requirements for home schooling.I am writing this submission as a father of three homeschooled children who are 7, 9, and 12 years of age.My wife and I made the decision to home school our children as we both strongly share the view that it is the best option for their education. Our decision to homeschool was made after exhaustive consideration of all available schooling options. It is worth noting that, prior to 2019 we trialled attending a distinguished local state school. This experience made it abundantly clear that mainstream schooling would be inadequate for educating our children. With the full support of extended family we have now created a unique and privileged learning environment at our home and abroad without any financial assistance from government. This unique learning arrangement has flourished and continues to deliver a sense of joy and purpose for all involved. Within our immediate family we have access to: a professional musician, allied health professionals, a school facility manager, high school maths teacher, retired and semi retired grandparents that have had distinguished medical, and small business careers. We have also adopted an Australian Cobber dog as our emotional and therapy support dog.Furthermore, our children also enjoy the opportunities and social interaction with club team sports, swimming and extracurricular activities.Suffice to say we believe we have our children’s best interests at heart when considering a holistic approach to schooling. It is also important to note the sacrifices we make financially and personally to ensure the best education outcomes for our family.Moving forward, we acknowledge that we are in a privileged position to provide a high standard of home education for our children and accept this as our best option.We also acknowledge and support the current registration policy requirements for Queensland home schoolers.We do not however, support additional administrative requirements that are proposed in the new legislation. The current system and workload for homeschooling registration is adequate, balanced and functions appropriately. Furthermore, if the proposed changes are implemented it is likely to: Divert time and resources away from the quality education that is being delivered Further disadvantage parents who are already complying Embolden the already growing trend in unregistered homeschoolersPlease reconsider these legislative changes and be mindful of the potential impact on Queensland home schoolers doing the right thing.Kind regards