

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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EDUCATION (GENERAL PROVISIONS) AND OTHER LEGISLATION ADMENDMENT BILL 2024

Dear Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee,

I oppose the following proposals in the Education Bill 2024:

1. The Australian Curriculum will be the standard curriculum for homeschooling families.
2. The increase in reporting to include all subjects.
3. The need to prove that homeschooling is in the best interests for our children.

Many families have removed their children from school because of Australia's failing National curriculum. I removed my eldest child from school in year 3 as he still did not have basic reading skills and had large gaps in his learning across all subjects. It did not take long in a loving home environment, for him to learn to read and catch up in all subject areas, even excelling in some. Presently, my children learn the best during our family time. Group subjects would be impossible to implement using the Australian curriculum, when teaching children over multiple ages and abilities. I have children who struggle in some learning areas and excel in others, home-schooling gives me the ability to teach them at their own level using a curriculum that suits their learning style.

Queensland already has a high standard of reporting for home-schooled children. Increasing the reporting requirements only adds burden to homeschooling parents. Extra time spent reporting would take away from time spent educating our children.

Parents are the people who know and love their children the most and therefore know what is in the best interest for their children. Officials who have never met our children should not be the ones who decide if home-schooling is what fits our children.