

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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My name is [REDACTED], I am 11 years old. I have been homeschooled for four years. I disagree with the proposal to make home schoolers in QLD have to follow the Australian Curriculum. I personally think that kids and their parents should be able to choose if they want to follow the Australian Curriculum or not, like they can now. I find it easier to not work with the Australian Curriculum because I find the topics covered in the curriculum boring. I can't investigate and learn about things that interest me, when they interest me or learn at as deep a level as I like by following the Australian Curriculum. For example, I love history and want to be able to learn about American and British and French and Spanish actions in colonial times too. Or to learn about what was happening in non-western countries. I don't just want to learn about Australian colonial times without the background of what was happening all over the world in politics and science and art and religion and philosophy. I also don't agree with the requirement to make parents have to justify why we are homeschooled. I am worried that the government won't understand homeschooling well enough and won't recognise why it's best for me or any other homeschooled kid. If the government doesn't have people who have homeschooled making the decisions, they will make bad decisions, because they don't know enough about homeschooling to be able to make a good decision for that kid. Also it should be up to the kid and their family to decide what is best for them.