

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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### Submitter Comments:

To the Committee, I am writing to share my great concern regarding the bill proposing change to current homeschooling practices and requirements in Queensland. Eight of my fourteen grandchildren are currently homeschooled, seven of whom began in mainstream school and were pulled out for various reasons, including anxiety, academic gaps in learning, and issues surrounding individual diagnoses which were not being catered for suitably. I have witnessed the incredible change in these children since they began homeschooling over the past two years. They are growing and maturing in a safe environment where they are known and loved, where their individual needs are met and their mental and emotional health is prospering. They are thriving academically where their mothers have sourced appropriate curriculum for their learning styles and needs. The evidence of the success of homeschooling according to their preferred curriculum is seen in the academic outcomes of these children (and many others). They are excelling! Even in areas of difficulty, they are able to spend the time needed to learn each concept thoroughly, something which was not possible at school and resulted in falling further behind. It is clear the real problem exists in the current education setting and Australian curriculum. Why are our literacy and numeracy rates so low and continuing to fall? Why are so many families sacrificing careers, income and time to choose to homeschool their children? These are the questions that need to be asked and addressed. Please support our dedicated homeschooling families by allowing them to continue to select appropriate curriculum for their children which cater to their diverse needs and assist them to not only achieve success academically, but to thrive mentally and emotionally as well.

Regards, Patricia Heazlewood