

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, Recently I have been made aware of the proposed changes to homeschooling in QLD. My daughter's start in life has been, as her paediatrician described it as, a 'tricky' one. Including ongoing sleep disorders that persist after 4.5 years. She has never spent a minute in daycare nor a night without me, something I am privileged to be able to say and I have loved every single second. I tell you this only in the hope you understand that those who commit to homeschooling are not 'fringe' groups trying to radicalise young minds, but families dedicated to supporting their children to become happy, healthy and thriving versions of themselves. I therefore need to convey my strong disapproval of forcing the Australian Curriculum and additional reporting requirements within this legislation. I believe no one knows my daughter better than me and I am determined to use this knowledge to help her thrive academically. She does not fit in a 'box' and will suffer greatly if she is forced to be. I also plead with you compassionately to consider just how much the added reporting requirements would only create more stress and direct time away from delivering an incredible education. Please give us the freedom to remain flexible and open to the idea that one size never fits all. That the best education can only be delivered when the information can find the right pathway for the individual. I'm dedicated to ensuring she walks on this pathway everyday through my understanding of her as a human. I want to offer her a chance at achieving any goal she strives for as an adult and only ask that I'm able to utilise a broader range of methods and tools needed to achieve this.