

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

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Submission Concerning the issue of Home Education For those Compiling and monitoring the Issue of increasing deferral to Homeschooling by Parents in Queensland and right across the Country, I would first like to address you as folk who are interested in Education and teaching/ What do you know? Data has been collected which shows the significant increase in Home School Registrations etc from Parents of School age children There are some basic Principles in an education /teaching context which could easily be applied Why are the Families making such a move which demands more effort and expenditure on family resources. It cannot be assumed that such decisions are fickle I would propose that Parents are very concerned with the education supplied under mainstream institutions and are seeking something that more closely aligns with your Proposed standards in Education Legislation: (da)for chapter 9, part 5, home education of a child or young person should be provided in a way that —(i)is in the best interests of the child or young person taking into account their safety and wellbeing; and(ii)ensures the child or young person receives a high-quality education;It is completely out of order for you to assume otherwise and therefore unnecessary to make the inference assuming parents are not measuring up to this standard and therefore need closer monitoring! As you have outlined is already the Standard expressed in the Govt Education Department so a general conclusion can be proposed that parents are not receiving the service they contracted to and as in any business venture, they are choosing to :shop” for quality Education in other contexts,This is a huge sacrifice and stretch on the family resources - so it is not a decision made lightly Bluntly Homeschooling increases in proportion to mega dissatisfaction parents have made with the Education Department - or more correctly with YOU!! If you allowed more time for public consultation instead of attempting to rush such important decisions through parliament you might find a more satisfied response to your proposals or make wiser decisions so that it is not just a contract to legalize parental control The Purpose should not be control of parents and curriculum but understanding and extensive effort to do away with the sanitizing effect of bureaucracy where the real incidents, concerns and issues are not addressed and effective change does not occur. Secondly, there is often a contradiction of messages where it is touted that Parents are the first- best teachers - yet when it comes to actually seeking parental opinion and legislation is proposed or enacted which takes the rights and decision away from the parents.This is a direct attack on parental freedoms, their innate care and concern, and the sacrifices they are prepared to invest in securing a better standard than what is presently being offered, freedoms and aimed at creating an environment in which the government has control over our families. Parents should be able to choose a curriculum that works for their childThe National Curriculum is designed for large classrooms of children, and a limited range of learning styles and underpinning readiness for learning at each stage not for a personalized teaching environment where the teacher has the time, passion and interest to really know the student and present the learning in effective ways For those home education parents who desire support, it is currently agreed that the present registration and reporting system are working well, there is no need to change it. Instead of making things more prescriptive for homeschooling families, the Government should review the school system and find out why so many parents are taking their children to another option in order to achieve closer to the desired outcome you have already outlined.