

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

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**Committee Secretary  
Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee  
"Parliament House"  
George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000**

**Dear Committee Secretary**

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I wish to tender my objections for submission to the proposed changes to homeschooling in the Education Bill, 2024.

The points I have severe concern with are:

- No Provisional – The removal of a provisional registration, and 60 - day time period to provide an education plan. It would be impossible to provide an immediate education plan should a child be required to be removed from school at short notice i.e. due to bullying or fleeing an unsafe school environment. This would cause unnecessary stress and trauma to families who are seeking an alternative educational option for their children.
- Best Interest – Parents and or Guardians being required to prove that homeschooling is in the best interest of their child. This disregards the fact that parents know their child best and allows strangers who don't know the child or family to have input and determine what is best for that child. It is not stated in the proposed clause who or how the best interests of the child will be determined which leads to cause of concern.

I would like to thank you for considering my concerns when deciding on the new Bill.

**Yours faithfully**

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**Shaye Austine**