

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

As a home-schooling parent, I object to the changes planned for home-schooling in Queensland. I have concerns that some of these changes are not in the best interest of the children that it is trying to benefit. I would anticipate that if these changes were to be made it would disadvantage many children; each with unique learning styles, talents and interests.

I object to the national curriculum as being a benchmark to high level education. The national curriculum does not give flexibility to students to perform or learn at different levels. It limits the ability of the teacher/parent to provide tailored content for students which is necessary for diversity and growth. I feel that many students will fall behind their potential for learning and love of learning.

I object to the expectation of additional reporting for home school students. The reporting is already quite time consuming. I feel that with this extra burden there would be less time for completion of actual learning and family time. Extra time spent in an area like this could easily sacrifice outings, sport, hands on activities and experiments.

Furthermore, I object to the removal of provisional registration. I feel that sometimes children need to be withdrawn from regular schooling with very short notice. Many circumstances could lead to this being a necessity. With the proposed changes of having a plan needed to be submitted and complete for the transition to happen; there would be increased stress to an already stressful situation. I would find it quite unreasonable to think that we could write a full plan over the weekend and submit this plan.

Thankyou for your time in reading my concerns.