

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

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# Submission

I have been home-schooled my entire life and graduated year 12 in 2023.

I have never followed ACARA or the Australian Curriculum and am currently studying a Diploma of Technical Engineering through Tafe Qld.

I am concerned about the proposed changes to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024, especially the proposed requirement to follow the Australian Curriculum and the senior QCAA syllabus.

Having the flexibility in not having to adhere to the Australian Curriculum or the senior QCAA syllabus has enabled me to pursue my passions and to learn using alternative pathways.

When I was young I had a lot of trouble learning the alphabet and was a slow learner. I needed much longer to learn than the curriculum outlines. If I had been forced to learn at the pace of the curriculum I would not have coped and really struggled, I would have thought myself as “dumb” and have a low self esteem.

By being able to be home schooled flexibly, I was able to learn at my own pace. I now love reading and am a confident, motivated person who enjoys learning.

Having a strict curriculum would have stifled my creativity and made me a very different person than I am today.

I have received an academic merit scholarship for my current study at Tafe Qld. This was due to my excellent results in:

- Four university subjects in the engineering field as part of grade 11/12 through UniSQ’s headstart program. I achieved three High Distinctions and one Distinction.
- A certificate II and a certificate III at Tafe Qld through tafe at school in the engineering field.

As part of my certificate II, I competed in the VETIS worldskills competition and won the gold medal. I was invited to compete in the national competition in Melbourne but declined.

I also competed as part of a homeschool team in Illuminate Education’s NextGen business challenge, competing against 27 other teams across eastern Australia. My team won the competition and went to the national comp in which we came 4<sup>th</sup>.

I am a leader at my churches youth group and I have run a small business for the last couple of years teaching 3D printing and designing.

The proposed changes to the, Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 will not improve home education in Qld. It will put many people under enormous pressure to “*learn*” in a way not suited to their individual needs. It will *destroy* students enthusiasm and will make it very difficult to achieve the types of things that I have achieved, as they would be too busy studying the prescribed curriculum that would likely not be relevant to what they end up studying.

Thank you for considering my submission.