

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I'm concerned that the changes will make it so much harder for parents who home school and are already going above and beyond in their support and organising for their children's needs. There are a vast majority of home school parents who are doing a great job and dealing with troubled children who are in great need of being held from home due to varied reasons; school refusal (due to huge anxiety or other really serious and heart breaking causes), non ability for schools to properly deal with children's emotional needs, bullying and teachers who don't understand our children's diverse needs. I personally witnessed a teacher being cruel to a little preppy on their first day of school because they didn't have any books or pencils yet (financial hardship) and the teacher made the student cry then harshly told the gulf off for crying and told them they had to stop crying and it was horrible to witness. My own young son told he was brought to year's by the teachers at the school and told off for crying as well. When I talked to the teachers about it nothing was done about it. When parents decided to home school they do so with a lot of thought and they choose to give up a lot of things that they normally wouldn't, like Job prospects for the duration and to devote their time to guiding and helping get great learning content available and taught and practically experienced for their children. It is not done with consideration and huge amounts of commitment, time, individual one on one effort every day. The current legislation is helpful for Qld home schooling parents. It shows Before and after samples of kids work, which shows progress. It covers a few subjects to give samples for which still takes a lot of time and effort to show case yet it isn't overwhelming. The provisional registration currently available is very helpful when needing to decide quickly due to serious struggles the child may be going through that deem it critical to help them transition to home school. Parents are the best equipped to know their child's needs and to take that away from the parents would do a great disservice to the children and the loving parents who know their needs best. Parents have so much they are doing already to meet their children's needs for homeschooling, to bring in the many changes being proposed would add so much extra workload to our situations and it wouldn't increase the children's quality in education but rather serve to force our hand to have to skim over subjects before the child can get a comprehensive understanding of it. Just in order to try to cover the entire curriculum (which we cover already the quality elements of it so so well within the current requirements- we are able to give them a top education and do it with excellence and in depth). We are not represented properly currently, with only volunteer people trying their best to support us. Instead of adding huge changes that will be a major set back for quality of education- why not delegate a professional team to represent and give additional support and guidance to us and help us in our endeavour to help our children. We are giving our children the best opportunity and one on one support possible that is unable to be replicated in main stream school. Noone can give the love and careful support as much as a parent. We do an extraordinary job of teaching at home and helping kids that might otherwise disengage or be non involved, and make successful school leavers. That deserves support, true listening to us and help. Not this massive additional workload and greater obstacles to climb to help our kids who are disabled or struggling enough to need to be home schooled. And for those who choose to home school due to it meeting their personal choices for their children seperate to the need due to disability, bullying etc; they too are still working just as hard to carry out this important role and we all deserve respect, and room to grow, feel empowered and heard. Not to be pushed further into red tape and to be made to feel where in a cult etc. Help us, recognise what an amazing job most of us are doing. Put in safe guards but don't make our jobs even harder which puts pressure on us to reduce the quality of learning in order to meet your red tape not to meet the true needs of our kids.

Recognise what we are doing great already and then you'll realise that we go beyond accara... We go deeper, our quality of learning is greater and our kids are glowing learners and successful. Thank you for your time to consider our concerns. This is a heavy burden we are all dealing with in trying to help us be heard about that proposed changes. This is a destruction from our desired goals of keeping on either focusing on it home schooling and daily needs for our families. Just the effort to understand the proposed changes and to know how to try to move forward Has taxed thousands of us this past week or so gone by. We are all feeling worried, overwhelmed, and we are all- already doing so much to give our kids quality education. To have to bear this burden, and study the proposed changes and put that into working out how it would effect us has been so daunting. We just want to keep doing what is best for our children and not have to go through heartbreaking super human efforts to be heard and to advocate for our way of educating... We just want to keep doing great educating. But we have to do this as well at the moment, on top of what we already need to do. We don't get paid to have to plead with legislators, we are the ones working on the front line of homeschooling, we know what works. Unless your listening to us you don't know what is best. Only as you care about what we care about, by caring about what we share with you, will you be able to make a positive difference.