

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

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### Submitter Comments:

Dear Committtee, I am writing to voice my concern over changes being proposed in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. There is some wording that is rather concerning and it seems that it will take the rights and decision away from the parents and be put into the hands of the bureaucrats that do not know my children. I refer to the below proposed amendment tabled with the wording and requirement to use the National Curriculum when homeschooling. (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; I am a parent that homeschools now because the environment at the State High School where my son attended was at a point where he did not feel safe Getting to, attending and getting home due to the violent acts he witnessed weekly sometimes daily. When the schools/education department/government solution was to install security cameras and not do anything to remove the offenders from the school I decided to remove him from the State School system and home school him. And you want to tell me who decides what is in the best interest of my children? You can't provide an environment that is safe to just get to class let alone one that is conducive to proper learning. My son has smiled again since starting homeschooling. He is happier, retaining information better and is just doing all round better in life than he was while attending school within the Qld Education system This amendment, in particular the fore mentioned wording extract is just aimed at creating an environment in which the government has more control over our families. It certainly is not interested in the well being of my children or will not be dictating to me what is best for them. Parents should be able to choose a curriculum that works for their child The National Curriculum is designed for large classrooms of children, not for a personalized teaching environment. The current registration and reporting system are working well, there is no need to change it. Instead of making things more prescriptive for homeschooling families, perhaps the Government should review the school system and find out why so many students are leaving it. There are already too many liberties and rights that are being removed from the people of this state and country. I strongly object to any more being taken especially if unelected bureaucrats are given the power to dictate to me what is best for my kids and decide what is safe or not. Get your own camp in order before telling me how to teach and raise my children. I hope that the Committee does what it can in their report to stop the amendment progressing in its current form. I am quite sure that the government forgets that it is there as an elected representative to act in the best interests of the people not to constantly remove the rights of the people to lead their lives as free men and women