


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To Whom It May Concern

I am a Mother of a 14 year old who is homeschooling this year for the first year.

The reason I am homeschooling is because we tried the below already

Private School – Prep to Grade 3 – we were asked to leave because of his behaviour.

Public School – Grade 3 – 6 – Suspensions, GRIT behaviour school, Qld Police being called, him suicidal, staff and others traumatised by his behaviour. We were even reported to Child Safety for fear of our child's behaviour towards his family.

Year 7 - Attempted enrolment at High School then told we couldn't – Qld Education took responsibility for this as I put in a complaint

Year 7 – 8 -Flexible school – a school where vaping is allowed, gangs are violent and threaten to kill other kids.

So this year after the above we thought to try homeschooling despite our desire to want him to go to school. He is thriving, happy, no violence, he is learning through various activities and now serves the local community through a foodbank for those financially struggling. People who know about his past in school cannot believe it is the same child. His teachers from Qld Education would all beg you to allow him to flourish in this way. They tried everything.

Please do not force a child like mine to have to do curriculum when he has clearly expressed over 9 years that he simply can't do it. If he could have been able to do it – he would by now.

He can read and write, and do Maths and speak – we are blessed unlike many who have greater learning challenges.

Please do not enforce something on families like ours who have already tried their best to give curriculum a go and it led to trauma, devastation and harm to our family and so many others.

We finally feel like we belong by the work of Rachael Clark and the Homeschooling Community for the first time in our entire schooling career.

We have 2 other children who thrive well in school but 1 child who doesn't.
Please don't make it harder than it already is.

Kind Regards

