

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. As the grandmother of a homeschooled child, I firmly oppose these changes, which I believe will adversely impact my family and many other homeschooling families across Queensland. My daughter and Son-in-law have decided to homeschool my granddaughter because the current education system, particularly the Australian Curriculum, is unable to adequately address her educational and psychosocial needs.

My granddaughter, who has ASD Level 2, Child Apraxia of Speech (CAS), and Anxiety, struggled significantly within the traditional school system. Despite her recognised disabilities, she received minimal support for her literacy difficulties, leading to her reading, writing, and spelling abilities being below grade level. Several distressing incidents, including self-harm, bullying, and lack of adequate support, prompted us to withdraw her from traditional schooling. The proposed amendments fail to acknowledge the unique needs of children like my granddaughter and could force them back into environments that are not conducive to their well-being and learning.

Furthermore, the increased reporting requirements for homeschooling parents and the expectation that they adhere strictly to the Australian Curriculum pose significant challenges. These burdens place undue administrative burdens on parents, limiting their quality time for meaningful learning interactions with their children. The government must recognise that a one-size-fits-all approach to education is outdated and ineffective. Homeschooling offers a valuable alternative for children with diverse learning needs, and any legislative changes should reflect this diversity and respect parents' rights to choose the most suitable educational path for their children. In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed amendments and engage in meaningful consultation with all stakeholders to ensure that the educational needs of all Queensland children are met. Thank you for considering my concerns, and I eagerly await your response on this critical matter.