

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament. As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on my family and the homeschooling community. I am particularly concerned about how this will cause an interruption to all the progress made to my child who is undergoing assessments; for both learning and medical. How this directly affects my family is that my children are settled in their learning plans, and teenagers are pursuing actively their preferred career pathways eg. 16-year-old is completing Cert IV in Allied Health (physio) through Mater Education. This directly relates to her interests as competes in CrossFit competitions, so studying Physiotherapy aligns with her passion. She chose Cert IV Allied Health as it means on completion of her 6month course, together with gaining a driver license, she can begin work at a decent wage (starting rate for Allied Health Assistants is \$35/hour) and begin to make her way as a contributing citizen. We have Individual plans for each of our 7 children, all of which my wife and I support, not utilizing any government support. Our goal is to continue our children down this pathway of earning and learning; but learning in a customized environment, particular to their strengths, learning gaps and addressing weaknesses.

I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. For education to be inclusive of all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who struggle the most to fit into mainstream education. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue. Sincerely, [REDACTED]