


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee,

My name is _____ and I am a 10-year-old homeschooler from Brisbane. My family has been talking about the proposed changes to home schooling and I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 and how it is at the moment.

With a full curriculum-approved program It gives a child the opportunity to do all different types of jobs when you really only need the ones that are relevant for you. It is just over the top more than a person needs to learn as a child.

I would like to help you to understand my own story and how the proposed changes will not work for my education. Here is some information about me. I:

- am an emerging elite gymnast training six days a week,
- do Speech and Drama lessons twice a week preparing for practical and soon written exams
- am a classically-training soprano opera singer who practises two or three times a week
- a dramatist who enters theatre productions with local theatre companies performing all sorts of plays
- am learning the piano

As part of these studies I learn the history and context of artists, musicians, playwrights and their societies. We learn about creating meaning, reflecting on how others do it too. Geography is a big part of our life lately as my brother and I are preparing to travel within Australia and he will compete internationally in the next six to eight months. We are learning about the people and culture of these countries, eating all sorts of foods that I cook with a friend!

Our Dad taught us to scuba dive three years ago and we have dived Tasmania, Western Australia and Queensland, studying all sorts of scientific ideas such as nitrogen narcosis. My favourite subject is Science and we use Generation Genius including experiments about symbiosis, concepts in Physics, the water table, chemical reactions and volcanoes

My brother and I have a thieving business where for three years we have been taking semi-precious stones we have fossicked, been given, or found. We drill them with a diamond-tipped drill bit, thread them with leather and sell them at a huge popular market in Brisbane once a month.

I am using Nessy five times a week to help with my spelling development. And, we use Mathletics to help me become more able to do Maths in everyday life.

As I get older I want to become a gymnastics coach, get my boat licence, get my scuba diving ticket, become a training marine biologist and be employed as an opera singer. I love gardening,

so I imagine I will sell plants at markets, also. Mum and I have a plan for how all of this will be possible before I turn 18 including TAFE courses, joining the Youth Choir at the Conservatorium joining with other young ocean enthusiasts at the aquarium on the Sunshine Coast and continuing to train to compete for Queensland (and Australia a little later) in Trampoline and Men's Artistic Gymnastics.

If we were expected to follow an approved Australian curriculum-based curriculum our family would have very little time to do any of the things that we are passionate about and thriving at.

Yours sincerely,

A homeschooled ten-year-old