

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To whom it may concern, As a home educating parent, I am deeply concerned by the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation. Home education is an opportunity to create an environment where children can thrive at their own pace and in their own unique way. I am in my third year of home educating my two children. After 4 years of mainstream school for my eldest, we made the decision to home educate based on advice from her healthcare professionals. My daughter was simply not thriving. After extensive research into home education, it was an easy decision to begin my son's education journey at home as well. To my children, being home educated first and foremost means, that they get their education tailored to them. The material is handpicked to suit their individual brains and interests. The delivery of the material is continuously adjusted and reflected upon. My children are engaged, motivated and confident learners because of this. Would a streamlined curriculum give them the same experience? Second, as a family of diverse cultural backgrounds, we are able to integrate the cultural aspect in the children's education. Knowing their heritage and being able to connect with it in their daily lives is an integral part of forming a positive identity. Would my children be able to do this, if we had to follow a streamlined curriculum? I think the short answer to my above questions is no! The Australian Curriculum is created for schools. Home education is not school. It can not and should not be compared to school. I will not comment on the material being taught at school, because that is not my area of expertise. On that note, the education of my own children IS my area of expertise. This is where I work hard to provide them with exactly what they deserve - the best possible education for them! Replicating the school approach at home does not equate the best possible education. What children need is a way to learn, tailored to their unique learning style, abilities and interests in order to meet them where they are at. A streamlined curriculum is not that. In conclusion, I urge the Queensland Government to reconsider its approach to the legislation amendments. I strongly advise you to consider the negative consequences that the amendments will impose on the education of Queensland's homeschooled children. Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective. Sincerely, [REDACTED]