

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

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As a mother who has chosen the homeschooling pathway to educate my child, I feel that the government needs to hear our voices and seriously consider our concerns with the current Australian Curriculum and understand why so many of us have made this decision. The following points that I am addressing are just some of the reasons why I feel the committee needs to take more time in consulting the homeschooling community before making any changes.

- 1. Individualised Learning:** Homeschooling offers me the ability to tailor make the day's plan to suit my daughter, being able to offer hands on learning or sit down and do one on one with her gives the best opportunity to understand without having to move on too quickly. This has led to her being able to pick up lots of concepts much quicker than if she was at school.
- 2. Safety and Well-being:** By offering a homeschooling learning place for my daughter ensures that I can align our family beliefs into her core learning. I can also make sure that those who work with my daughter also have the aligned beliefs to my family. A school cannot assure that our children are safe or that the school is able to support an individual families beliefs. I am currently experiencing this with the school my son attends. I also have more power over who has influences in my daughter's life and I can expose her to a much more holistic style learning to all cultures.
- 3. Red-Tape and Streamlining:** Streamlining laws are a commendable effort for the government but adding extra stress to homeschooling families is unnecessary. Yes simplify the processes but we cannot overshadow the joy of learning for these children. We shouldn't question the integrity of the education these homeschooling families are providing without first approaching and understanding what the community does. I feel that the Queensland Government needs to engage directly with homeschooling families and the young learners that are doing the homeschooling before making and finalisations to EGPA. Lets create at supportive environment that values the choice, safety and holistic development for our future generations that are coming. The education system needs to empower the future generations to become informed and engaged citizens, regardless of where the education comes from.

Thanks, Courtney Bowers