

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I am writing about the proposed legislation changes to homeschooling in Queensland. I am not in support of many of these changes, specifically those that will impose further burdens onto families that have already experienced hardship in regards to their child's education. I have been homeschooling my child since 2017. My child has diagnosed level 2 autism and anxiety disorder. After 5 years of attending mainstream school, my child could not read or write. Despite the best efforts of teaching staff and being taught the Australian Curriculum, my child did not thrive in this environment. It was actually the opposite. We have made incredible progress since deciding to homeschool. All aspects of my son's life have improved; academically, socially and mentally. This is a result of the hard work and effort that we have made to teach our son, with little to no help from the education system. I actually do use the Australian Curriculum to help plan his education program, but by no means is it the be all and end all. I use it as a guide, but the real key is working out HOW to teach it, and creating an environment that encourages and nurtures learning. The proposed changes do not help families that have been let down by the current system. It is just going to add more pressure and stress to parents that have already been through enough. The education system should be asking itself how it has let these children and their families down, and what it can do to improve. Why are so many special needs children leaving the mainstream school system? What changes could be made to better support the families that have decided to homeschool?