

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

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**Objection to proposed changes to homeschooling in Queensland:**

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I have two primary objections regarding the proposed bill. These objections are regarding:

- The requirement for parents to prove that home education is in the best interest of the child, and
- The requirement for education plans to be limited to the Australian Curriculum.

My primary concern is the requirement for parents to prove that home education is in the best interest of the child. The vague and generalised language used in the proposed bill raises the issue that the onus of determining what is in the best interest of the child will no longer lie with the parents. The right for parents to choose how their child is educated is fundamental to raising children in Queensland. The implication that, without any evidence to the contrary, I would be required to prove that my choice to home educate is in the best interest of my children impinges on this right. I feel this aspect is unfairly conflating child education with child safety. I absolutely support the governments right to intervene in cases of child safety. I object to the implication that home education is a less valid educational choice than the many other educational paths available to parents in Queensland and that it alone would require proof of being in the best interest of the child.

My second concern is that I would be required to adjust my educational planning for my children to limit to just the Australian Curriculum. I am a Veteran, a registered QLD High School Teacher (Senior Maths, Chemistry, Engineering), an active member of the

community, involved in supporting education for teens both at risk and those achieving excellence and I am a home educating parent. I have given my full commitment and strived for excellence in every facet of my life, from leading Australian troops on operations, to teaching Australian and International students in high schools and ensuring my children receive the highest quality education available to them. I value the Education System and the opportunities it provides to so many Queensland children. I also value my right to ensure my children receive the best education possible through home education. I am confident that the education I provide my children far exceeds that they would (and did) receive within a mainstream school. I do not say this as an attack on the system but merely an understanding of the extreme challenges teachers face in the classroom. My children receive a world class education with 1-on-1 support and all content differentiated to extend their learning and build on their strengths and support their weaknesses. Being limited to following the Australian Curriculum (a curriculum failing to place Queensland children at a competitive world level) would disadvantage my children and risks stalling their education.

## Concluding statement

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Home education is a valid educational choice in Queensland, and I object to the bill requiring this to be the only educational choice available to me that I am required to prove would be the best interest of my children. I object to limiting my children's education by replacing the world class curriculum I have developed based on scientific evidence and world best practice with the Australian Curriculum.