

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am concerned that the new proposed legislation is government over-reach into the lives of families who are home-schooling their children. Who will decide whether the parents are providing a 'quality education' - on what basis is that decided? As it currently stands, there are checks and balances and standards that registered homeschooling parents must meet. Caring parents will do the best by their children. Every responsible parent will seek a quality education for their children. I would like the Education Department to focus inwardly, and determine why it is that so many parents are taking their children out of schools. In the last couple of years it has come to light that significant physical violence against teachers is more than concerning. There are many teachers who have withdrawn from their profession. For a child to witness violence against their teacher would be very emotionally damaging. Student violence against other students in the classroom is also a current problem, and not an isolated problem. Yes, these children also deserve an education, but they impact the learning of regular students. Students are trained by the teacher in how to protect themselves, for instance, 'take shelter under the desk' when a child is out of control. A learning environment where students must be on guard for their safety is not conducive to a supporting learning environment. It does not seem that the school is able to restrain an out of control child. Clearly there is a lack of respect in our society today. This can be seen by young children out in the street at night committing crimes, carrying knives, and using them, knowing they cannot be held to account. Some of these children are in the classroom with regular children.

Good discipline and good morals – how can these be promoted? How is it that just a few decades ago, children were safe at school, and they had respect for their teachers and adults. Teachers were able to enforce discipline. A child must be held accountable for their actions, and bear the consequences of their actions, or the child becomes the dictator. A report in the Courier Mail on the 15th March 2024 exposes the extreme level of the suicide and self-harm of children in Queensland. There were 160 Ambulance call outs to children aged 5-9 due self-harming in the last financial year. Suicide is the leading cause of death for children aged 10-14, for the first time, over a five- year period. Our society is confused, and doesn't have a moral compass. Clearly some of the modern methods are failing our children. Families of faith who are choosing home schooling for their children, may also choose home schooling out of concern for the extreme sexual education that is being promoted in public education. They do not wish to compromise their beliefs on sexuality and gender. Many traditional cultures who uphold family values of sexuality, marriage and gender, would not believe that even sex before marriage is a healthy path. Please note the recent reports of the high levels of syphilis in the public, not to mention many other STI's. Extreme views are being thrust on our children. There is mounting evidence of the harm being done to children who have medically changed their gender. Academic psychiatrist Dr Andrew Amos highlights the fact that (I quote) "the gender-affirming model of care is incompatible with competent, ethical medical practice". Do we need this focus of gender diversity promotion? And do our children really need to know all the levels of how to perform sexual acts? Don't children deserve the right to enjoy the protection and innocence of childhood? I believe there is an agenda to 'sexualise' our children. Is this due to the dictates of the fashionable LGBTIQ community? I note, that some of the sex education material designed to educate young children at primary school, was considered so disgusting, that it was not suitable to read out in the parliament. This happened just a few years ago. Quality education? I strongly suggest that this sex education material should be scrutinised and reviewed. If this bill passes in the way it is currently drafted, it will remove the parents right to

decide what is in the best interests, the individual and special needs of their children. It will give rights to unelected bureaucrats under government and corporate control to over-ride parental care. This is not democracy, and this is not a mark of a healthy society. This is not diversity, either.

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns.