

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

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### Submitter Comments:

25/03/2024 To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee, I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 and 68. I am in support of freedom of education choice for Queensland parents which includes freedom to homeschool. By including the requirement that home education must be given in the child's best interest, who will make this decision? Parents should make this decision, not the government. This takes away the freedom of choice for education. It is unacceptable that the government discriminates against families that homeschool. To state that, although families who choose a different path are not compelled to do so, homeschooling families must provide evidence for why this high-quality educational option is in the child's best interests. Everyone can see that public education is failing many Queensland children and producing poor educational outcomes. It does not help the child who is falling behind and failing, nor does it help the child who is progressing more quickly than their peers. Far too many, on the other hand, slip through the cracks and never fully recover to reach their potential. How tragic all of this is. I hereby submit to you that any child who is to be enrolled in public school should be required to provide written proof that attending such a school is in their best interests. When parents choose to homeschool their children, they are assuming responsibility for their actions, including financial responsibility. Government funding is not provided to homeschooled children, so in my opinion, the government shouldn't assume they are responsible. They are obviously not. Restricting families in their freedom of choice when it comes to educating their children will have a detrimental effect on thousands of children across the state.