

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Parliamentary Committee Members, I am writing to share my firsthand experience as a homeschooling parent and to emphasise the invaluable learning opportunities that homeschooling has provided for my children. In light of the proposed changes to Queensland's homeschooling legislation, I believe that it is crucial to highlight the positive impact that homeschooling has had on my children's love for learning and their preparation for the real world. Since embarking on our homeschooling journey, both my wife and I have witnessed a remarkable transformation in my children's attitude towards education. The personalised learning approach that we have adopted has reignited their passion for learning and instilled in them a newfound confidence in their abilities. Rather than merely memorising facts and figures, they are actively engaged in exploring topics that spark their curiosity and pursuing knowledge in a way that resonates with them personally. It is worth noting that, upon initially examining the current Queensland curriculum, we found that it did not align with our educational philosophy. Within just a number of weeks of attempting to closely follow it, we realised that the high-quality learning experiences that we could provide at home far surpassed what was being offered within the confines of a traditional curriculum. Through homeschooling, my children are not only acquiring academic knowledge but also developing essential life skills and values that are essential for success in the real world. They are learning how to think critically, communicate effectively, and adapt to new situations—all skills that will serve them well beyond the confines of a classroom. They are also delving deeper into the subjects that truly excite them, and spending more time than they otherwise would on the things that they are passionate about learning. Moreover, homeschooling allows my children to actively participate in the world around them, gaining practical experience and insight that simply cannot be replicated in a traditional school setting. Whether it's volunteering in the community, pursuing hobbies and interests, or engaging in real-world projects, they are actively preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In conclusion, I urge the committee to recognise and celebrate the diverse benefits of homeschooling, which go beyond mere academic achievement. As a homeschooling parent, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to nurture my children's love of learning and to prepare them for the complexities of the real world through personalised, holistic education. Thank you for considering my perspective. Regards, Jonathan Levine