

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed recent education legislation amendments being put proposed in Queensland. As a member of the Commonwealth of Australia each and every voice is important to be heard especially when these changes have the potential to affect and harm my family and their education. We are all entitled to our rights as part of this community and to make the choices we see that best fit our personally situations. We home educate our offspring, only recently changing from conventional education system. This move was prompted because offspring were struggling in the mainstream education system, not being able to receive the support they required to improve their learning and emotional well being. The approach of one suits all does not work in reality, and many fall through the gaps and have waste their time at school, coming out uneducated with little chance of success in future life. This is not what we want to happen. I have worked at TAFE and have a number of qualifications like Diploma's in Accounting, Business, and Office Administration. The proposed legislation raises some flags and concerns that need to be addressed or have not considered. When we chose to home educate, the decision wasn't taken lightly and it was done to ensure our offspring received the education that they require to learn for their best interests, their well-being and to catered to their specific educational requirements. These amendments will restrict and reduce the capacity that we as a home education family can choose to undertake in our decision making towards our offspring's learning. Not everyone fits in the academic model that "Academics" create for the education system. We do not receive any funding to home educate our offspring, if there is any more pressure on us as a family that again will restrict what is possible to achieve with limited resources available to provide the education we aim to achieve for our offspring. The education department receives funding for each child they have on the enrolment. Why are mothers/fathers not receiving any funding to educate their offspring at home? This is a huge saving on the government. This is something that needs to be addressed. We believe we as educators need the autonomy to decide what is best for our learners, not what the legislation stipulates as what is best. There is no one size fits all. Our learners have made many improvements in many areas of their learning because they have been given the opportunity to be out of a system that focuses solely on making a grade and moving to the next set of curriculum regardless of the level of learning achieved. We cover content that is pertinent at the time to achieve set educational goals to them. The changes we've seen in our offspring has been a delight compared to how they were in mainstream education system. Is that not the entire reason why anyone would take on the huge responsibility of home educating their offspring to see success and improvement? Additionally I am concerned about the lack of transparency and public consultation on these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of all educators, mothers and fathers, learners and community members to be heard and considered in any decision making process that impacts the education of the entire community, not just mainstream schools. The concerns raised by every submission needs to be carefully considered against the proposed education legislation and to prioritise the best interests of all of our students, mothers and fathers, teachers and any type of school. Be an advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policy decisions that value the input from all stakeholders and ensure the integrity and quality of our education system regardless of whether the learner attends mainstream school, distance education or being educated at home, whatever is in the best interests of the learner. I oppose and do not agree with the amendments to the education legislation, it is not in the best interests of all parties. Yours sincerely We do support, consent or agree to the proposed changes being put before parliament.