


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

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Dear Committee Members,

I do not support the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament by Di Farmer. As a home educating parent, I am worried about the impact that they will have on my family and the homeschooling community.

I do not support the requirement to only use ACARA. Whilst I support high quality educating, limiting us to only ACARA is not in the child's best interest. ACARA is designed for the classroom environment with 1:25 adult to child ratio, however we have a much better ratio at home, often 1:1. I do use the Australian curriculum to guide us with our subjects, however I also use other programs that help complement this in an approach that is better catered to my child. When homeschooling, we have the ability to provide a more personalized and flexible learning experience tailored to our children's individual needs.

An example, is that since Year 1, we have been doing History, Spanish and Auslan as part of our homeschooling curriculum – however these subjects are not included in ACARA for her year level. We have also added a lot more to our Music and Arts work than what ACARA requires. We also have not needed to do some of the Health or Design and Technology work as she already has these skills and knowledge and understanding.

I'm also concerned that in the future, this will limit us from being able to enrol in university subjects earlier like many teenage homeschoolers have chosen to do, and we hope to. These new requirements will actually limit our learning, rather than increase it.

If we want to ensure that all homeschoolers are getting a high quality education, then I propose that instead of enforcing a curriculum onto all, the requirement should be instead that the Home Education Unit commit to reading all the plans and reports. Currently, they have committed to only reading 10% however homeschoolers are being accused, via this bill, of not providing a high quality education.

I'm concerned that we require to give the chief executive a written report and not HEU, the Home Education Unit within Education QLD. This is an educational issue, not a political.

I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Sincerely,

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