

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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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 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

I am a father to three beautiful children M (10), F (6), and M (2). M (10) has a diagnosis of ASD level 2 as per DSM V criteria, selective mutism, genetic chromosomal abnormality – 60kb deletion at 2q13 and 847kb duplication detected at 9q21.11, anxiety and attention deficit/ hyperactivity disorder. F (6) also has a diagnosis of ASD level 2 as per DSM V criteria, anxiety, genetic chromosomal abnormality – 60kb deletion at 2q13, and we are in the process of assessing her for pathological demand avoidance. We have some concerns regarding M (2) but have not started having him assessed at this stage.

My oldest two children are currently being home schooled, and they have been for their whole education. Due to their additional needs, home schooling is the best option for them as it is incredibly flexible. This means we can provide a learning environment that is suited to their needs. Our days are filled with learning through play and interests, and because of this my children are able to thrive with their education. This would not be possible if they were in a school setting or required to sit at a desk for long periods at a time to follow a set curriculum.

If anything needs to change when it comes to education, it should be the Australian Curriculum and the way that it is taught in schools. I have many close friends whose children are in school (both public and private) and over half of them have discussed with me (numerous times) that their children are struggling at school. That is where your problem lies. It is not with home schooling families.

If this Bill goes ahead, I fear that my children along with thousands of others across Queensland are going to suffer greatly. This isn't only going to affect their education, but it is going to greatly affect their futures. Ones which I along with my fellow home-schooling parents are currently doing a damn good job at helping them to mold. Please listen to all of us calling for this Bill not to go ahead. We know our children better than anyone and we have only their best interest at heart.

I oppose the proposed bill.

Kind regards,
Jonathan Sutcliffe

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