

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear committee members,

Clause 68 of the amendment bill - *Amendment of s 217 (Standard conditions)*, would substantially change the nature of home education by mandating consistency with the Australian Curriculum.

My wife and I firmly oppose this change. **Home education is not simply doing school at home.** If the current Act's standard (*a high-quality education*) is considered too vague, why not follow NSW, VIC, TAS, or SA's lead by specifying a range of subjects/learning areas?

The Australian Curriculum has been designed for *traditional* classroom environments taught by *professional* teachers working within the *Australian school system*.

How is forcing consistency with a one size fits all curriculum expected to enhance the home education experience?

The amendment would effectively counteract Clause 18, *Amendment of s 7 (Guiding principles)* by removing the ability to provide an education in a child's best interests.

We intend to give our children the very best home-based education possible, complete with many benefits over traditional schooling:

- Full insight into our child's learning & development
- Finely customised to their unique abilities, challenges and interests
- Maximising learning opportunities from our living situation, family experiences and lifestyle
- Educating according to our family's morals and beliefs (a basic right guaranteed in the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*)
- Avoiding bullying and negative peer influences

Thank you for considering our strong opposition to these amendments.

As state elections draw closer, we hope the Queensland Government will not alienate thousands of parents across this state's home education community.

Sincerely,
Jylan and Melissa Wynne