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Committee Secretary

Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee Parliament House

I do not agree with the proposed changes to the Qld Home Education System because my niece is home schooled due to chronic anxiety and PTSD from past DV trauma, does not function well under the confines of the Australian Curriculum both through mainstream and Distance Education and would have detrimental negative affects to her mental health and significant progress since commencing home schooling in 2023 under her mothers tailored plan for a high quality education outside of the Australian Curriculum, should these changes be approved and implemented.

After her suffering separation anxiety from her mother to attend school, extended absences, changing schools, attempting Distance Education, boredom with the curriculum, and anxiety over the entire traditional schooling process with some bullying, her mother removed her from the system and registered her with the Qld Home Education Unit.

Upon witnessing the change in her demeanour, mindset and anxiety levels as well as her reintegration with society as compared to before, I would hate to see her spiral backwards if forced back to the education system she escaped from or worse, back to mainstream schooling because it was deemed by the government that she did not fit the criteria to home school.

It is my opinion that the best interests of a child should be established by their parent with the freedom to choose home schooling if it is the most suitable option for that child regardless of their reasons which is their legal right as the primary care giver, and to also choose their Education Plan based on using the 8 core subjects as required by Education Qld but still be allowed to base their learning around interests and passions, using one on one teaching methods, suitable and engaging resources, conducive learning environments, flexible schedules and essential life-skills to achieve better results than other methods.

It is my hope that these changes are not approved.

Please redact my personal details from public display.

Thankyou

Regards

