

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

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**Committee Secretary**  
**Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee**  
**Parliament House**  
**George Street**  
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Dear Committee Members,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed legislation that aims to limit individualized education and training for special needs children solely to the standard Queensland curriculum, while also entirely eliminating parental rights to impart education in alignment with their personal beliefs and values.

Having been homeschooled myself, I have firsthand experience of the advantages provided by flexible education arrangements. These arrangements facilitated my academic growth and allowed me to complete my learning in a manner tailored to my needs. Despite being homeschooled, I attained average A results in my senior statement, highlighting the efficacy of personalized education tailored to my unique circumstances.

Additionally, I want to emphasize that I am now working full-time and have actively pursued various additional qualifications since graduating from year 12 in 2019. My journey from homeschooling to securing meaningful employment vividly demonstrates the vital role that flexible educational approaches play in unlocking individuals' full potential.

However, I am apprehensive that the proposed legislation could diminish the core principles of personalized education and parental rights. By constraining individualized education for children, there's a risk of denying them the tailored support crucial for their optimal development. Moreover, the elimination of parental rights to educate their children in line with their beliefs and values poses notable ethical and moral concerns. Such measures might impede the variety of educational experiences vital for fostering a well-rounded society.

I urge the committee to carefully consider the implications of this legislation on the education system and parental rights. It is crucial to strike a balance between ensuring educational standards and respecting the autonomy of families in determining the educational path that best suits their children.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will deliberate on these concerns thoughtfully as you continue to review the proposed legislation.

Kind Regards,  
**Elijah Bolitho**

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