

## 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 its current form. I, like many other homeschoolers, have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am fully in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.

Although I live in the UK, I stand with homeschoolers worldwide, as I was homeschooled myself through senior education. As a neurodivergent individual, homeschooling offered me the very best of opportunities to allow me to flourish and learn in an environment where I felt most comfortable. A school setting is often stressful or frustrating for those kids who don't quite fit into expected parameters, inhibiting a child from benefitting from the more formal education provided there. After many years of anxiety at school, homeschooling finally allowed me the opportunity to work at my own pace and experience a tailored education, exploring topics which interested me, and encouraging a deeper interest in learning. As with Australia at present, we don't have to follow the National Curriculum here in the UK, and I truly believe this broadens a child's perspective of the world, allowing them to develop into well rounded adults who've learnt a wider variety of skills than those at school, who have themselves only experienced a limited, restricted curriculum.

My personal experiences are not unique, and I've seen so many others who've benefitted from the autonomy homeschooling has offered them. It concerns me that this Bill will restrict this right to craft an education to suit a child's individual needs, and prevent countless kids from realising their full potential. Families choose to homeschool for such a wide variety of reasons, but each has the interests of their children at heart, so it seems unfair that homeschoolers are being discriminated against for making this choice.

I know that homeschoolers in Queensland have barely been consulted regarding this Bill; a Bill which has the potential to irrevocably impact their lives. I'm putting forward my own voice and experience to help highlight the positive impact homeschooling in its current form has for kids who need an alternative education to thrive. These families have chosen to opt out of the school system in the interests of their children, so I strongly believe that school-like restrictions should not be forced upon them. Your decisions have the potential to restrict their freedom of choice, and pose the risk of detrimentally harming thousands of children across the state.

I hope our voices will be heard and seriously considered before any decisions are made.

Kind regards,  
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