

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Committee Secretary

Re: Education General Provisions and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed amendments to Home Education in Queensland. I am incredibly worried about the negative impact that these proposed changes will have on my children that I homeschool and the thousands of children in Australia who use this model of learning.

We chose to homeschool two of our four children as the learning that children are exposed to in mainstream education does not suit them. These two children thrive in their individual learning environment, under their individual learning plans that suit their individual learning needs. These two children's mental health has improved significantly since moving to this model and their interest, thirst and love of learning which was lost, has since been restored. Moving them back to outdated, non-relatable curriculum that does not engage with their interests, nor their needs would be a huge step back for them individually (and indeed the future of Australia).

I implore you to please explore how to improve the Australian curriculum. I have heard of many a success story – homeschooled children thriving into adulthood gainfully employed, some commencing university study well before their mainstreamed school peers, others successful entrepreneurs. These children are a testament to the flexibility, adaptability and individuality that is provided by our current home education system.

I implore you to reconsider the changes that you are proposing for the home educated students of Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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