

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

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Dear Committee Members,

I strongly agree that every child deserves access to a high-quality education and express my reservations regarding the adequacy of the Australian Curriculum in fulfilling this fundamental right. In today's interconnected world, where the internet provides instant global access to a wealth of educational resources and innovative curricula, it's imperative that we reconsider the notion of a one-size-fits-all approach to education.

The Australian Curriculum, while well-intentioned, does not meet the diverse needs and aspirations of all students - I went to school and know this first hand and only wish I'd had the opportunity to be homeschooled and have the education we are giving our children. There are alternative educational pathways readily available and we can tailor our children's learning program to specifically suit them. Why should we be confined to a single curriculum? We should be able to continue as we have been, embracing the richness of educational diversity and choose the educational approach that best aligns with our children's interests, abilities, and aspirations.

Rather than enforcing adherence to a standardised curriculum, I propose that we allocate resources towards funding research and innovation in home education. By investing in comprehensive studies that explore the effectiveness of various homeschooling methodologies and curricular approaches, we can better understand how to support homeschooling families in providing high-quality education for their children.

I would also like to point out and also ask the question, why does QLD have no official state homeschooling association? Two fellow homeschoolers Amanda Bartle and Patricia Fitzgerald who have been representing us directly, have been actively excluded, despite being well known to the EGPA review team and directors. If you are considering all children in this new proposal, why are you not consulting with

homeschool families and why are we not being represented?

In conclusion, I urge the committee to consider alternative approaches to homeschooling legislation that prioritise flexibility, innovation, and parental choice. One of the main reasons we homeschool is to be able to have greater choice on what we teach our children. From our own experiences, we found the Australian Curriculum out of date and in need of an overhaul to better suit the current times. Should this happen, you might find more families staying in school.

By listening to the voices of the homeschool community and by embracing the opportunities presented by digital technology and global connectivity, we can create a more inclusive and dynamic educational system that empowers all children to thrive in the 21st century and beyond.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
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