

## 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 the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement.
- I am a home-schooling graduate and I am writing to make my submission to the committee.
- When I was younger, a man came into my life who thought home-schooling wasn't working for my family when it was. He groomed me at 14 when he was an adult, the police did nothing to stop him when my parents tried to protect me from him. This shows me that the governmental systems failed to protect a minor being groomed by an adult. He got me to leave home at 16 with him, effectively putting an end to my home-schooling journey as a young teenager. He then told me I wasn't smart and said I should do high school. I had other goals though so I did a Certificate III in Business which I successfully passed and got accepted into The University of Queensland doing an Associates Degree in Business with work experience and the certificate III. I then got back with the man many times when he promised me each time it would be different. It wasn't. Because of his negativity towards me, I dropped out of many things I tried to do. The same man suggested I had bipolar disorder and he took me to a psychiatrist and I got diagnosed not even 5 minutes into the session and prescribed medications. Fast forward to 2021, he decided to be physically violent with me, which made me take out a domestic violence order on him. I then went through 3 years of court with my abuser that the governmental systems should have protected me from to begin with. I had 4 mental health episodes from the intense stress and ended up failing my Bachelor's Degree of Health Science in Naturopathy (which I loved with a passion). The courts have labelled him as a systems abuser. I don't see how a systems abuser should have been allowed to dictate what I should do with my life since I was 14 because of the failings of a governmental department failing to protect a minor in 2013.
- Because of the failings of one governmental department, I am concerned that the proposed changes to the home-schooling law could be another failing of the governmental departments. I oppose any changes to the home-schooling law because of the concern I have with the governmental departments failing to do their duty.
- I was doing well with home-schooling before I left home with the abuser who threatened if I didn't go out with him, he would let my family have it. As an adult, I am now in the process of writing two novels, one a children's book and one a fantasy novel for young adults. I am also an entrepreneur and run a small business to bring in extra income. I love music and own musical instruments, my favourite being my ukulele. I also self-study heaps of different topics and love reading books on success. I do all this despite going through what I went through. I am glad my parents decided to home-school me because it wasn't home-schooling that failed me, it was the governmental departments (police) that failed me. I am now starting to become successful at the age of 25.
- This will effectively be my submission to oppose the changes to home-schooling law in Queensland. I loved being home-schooled. Thank you for reading this submission

Kind Regards,  
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