Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system.

My name is Hannah Sepecan and I have 3 children. I homeschool my eldest who has autism and intend to homeschool my other 2 when they are at schooling age. I am currently a stay at home mother and my husband and I value the right to homeschool our children.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. I have deep concerns about potential effects on funding, curriculum, teacher autonomy, and student welfare.

I believe it should be up to the parent as to how our children learn. My daughter as mentioned earlier, is on the spectrum and she cannot cope in a classroom situation as was trialled last year when I had her enrolled for prep. My daughter receives and excellent education at home and is learning way faster than she ever did at school. I want to hone school my other children as well and do not believe the government should interfere with my choices for my family.

Moreover, I am worried about the lack of transparency and public consultation surrounding these changes. As a stakeholder in our education system, I believe it is imperative for the voices of educators, parents, students, and community members to be heard and considered in any decision-making process that impacts our schools.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritize the best interests of our students, teachers, and schools. I implore you to advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking that values input from all stakeholders and ensures the integrity and quality of our education system.

I believe this legislation is a massive overreach on the freedom by the Queensland government.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response and to further dialogue on this important issue. Sincerely,

Hannah Sepecan