

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.

This will have a direct impact on my children whom are homeschooling .

My 10yro son specifically would not cope if he was made to follow the Australian Curriculum he needs to keep going as he is following interest based learning, and doing work that is tailored to his level and where he is at .

My 10yro is autistic and pda there is no way to confine him to a desk and tell

him he must do this and he must learn this no he needs movement. He needs to be outdoors , he needs freedom that comes with doing his adjusted HEU program plan .

A plan where it caters to his emotional regulation needs and isn't replicating school at home. My 10yro has severe school trauma he goes into fight mode when he feels anxious however with the freedom to homeschool he is now thriving both academically and even come along way with social and emotional growth .. To change up the homeschooling rules would be extremely detrimental to my 10yro son wellbeing aswell as many other children across Queensland.

I'm also homeschooling my 7yro son as of this year He attempted mainstream prep primary however it was extremely detrimental to his health and wellbeing being in a noisy classroom, being forced to wear clothes that aren't comfortable for a sensory child , classroom with 25+ people is too noisy my son would put his hands on his ears and scream. Being forced to do work that's not able to be understood with little to no help and being made to stay there in this environment that is essentially a jail to a child whom can't handle the excessive noise, and input for 3-6hours a day is just too much. Not to mention a child whom needs more movement at school you have to sit down on your bottom in middle of a group of kids on the floor legs crossed sit up straight and look at a teacher. That approach isn't taking into account the needs of autistic/adhd child whom then can't focus and learn as all their focusing on is having to sit still, don't talk, eye up front , don't move. They missing out on the actual learning as they too anxious and need to mask all these other emotions and thoughts at home my son can jump on trampoline while reciting abcs , he can lay on the floor while tracing his letter formation learning , he can wiggle he can do handstands if he so feels as long as he is producing his work he also has 1 on1 support but also many opportunities to join other homeschooler's on excursion and at co-ops so he still

gets that social opportunities.

Going to school will make my child revert back to a shell whom is crying and shaking in the corner and risks him becoming situationally mute or worse ..

please don't change the way my children home educate it will defenitly effect them if they have to keep up with the curriculum content and replicate school at home ..

My 9yro is in distance education but even there we don't replicate school we do loosely follow a curriculum however it's heavily adjusted. I hear that is also being reviewed too with another bill of which I also oppose reviewing the rights of Christian schools and distance education providers and what they teach and whom can and cannot work there ? My 9yro is actually learning with this distance education provider and having a heavily reduced curriculum program he would not cope if he was required to follow and complete all 5 subjects each term With my son going at his pace and being supported by this Christian distance education he is finally being bumped up another year level for term 2 He has gone from prep to year 2 in English in little over a year and a bit . Please don't change up how Christian schools and Christian distance education providers can do their curriculum and whom they can and cannot employ either we need this to stay unchanged as many of us choose these schools for our faith based beliefs and core values that we want instilled in our children while also receiving the education they offer

Other families and people whom want diversity can seek that from state schools or other institutions there is no need to change up how Christian education is currently provided in this country .

main points of concern with this proposed bill :

- we homeschooling parents do not want to be restricted to using the Australian Curriculum
- we cannot be expected to report to EVERY area in the plan and PROVING educational progress is too much

this is not even required in schools.

- determining if home education is in the best interest of the child is a parental right, this power doesn't belong with the Education department.

- we need the definition of provisional registration to include a time allowance to gather documents together for part of our application

Kind regards,

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