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Dear Committee.

I am a registered home schooling parent, and I'd like to share my opinion about the proposed education laws for home education. I object to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024.

There are a number of sections in the bill that will have negative consequences to the children currently or planning to currently homeschool in Qld.

The reason I chose home education for my children is so that they could have flexiblitity in their learning so they could learn to their potential.

the proposed changes are accepted and all home educated children have to follow the state curriculum I'm afraid it will have a massively detrimental impact on my children's learning and therefore have a detrimental impact on my children reaching their potential.

Also, I am the one guiding their learning, so if I'm forced to teach them in a way that is going to make them push back against me, then it is going to negatively impact our relationship. We often cover most of the Australian curriculum in our learnings, but by forcing this and forcing the reporting on every subject, it takes out valuable education time with my kids and adds undue pressure.

I hope you'll consider the responses that you're receiving from all of the home educating families and do the right thing by them. We choose home education to provide an alternative way to teach our children, not to still be forced to adhere to the curriculum.

I feel that trying to force everyone to learn the same way is going to negatively impact every child who is home educated, because every child is unique and has a unique way that they learn.

People who choose to home educate are seeking an alternative approach to traditional schooling because they're wanting to cater to the unique individuals that their children are. This is why our children excel in this environment.

Thanks for taking these concerns seriously.

Gavin Thompson