

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Subject: Submission regarding EGPA Changes to Home Education Laws
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to home education laws and requirements in our state in the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

I DO NOT agree with the proposed changes.

My name is [REDACTED], and I am father to four home schooled children. Over the past 11 years I have seen my children blossom and grow through the individualised learning programs their mother has developed for them. They all love to read, are incredibly quick with numbers, and have a strong love of learning and their own specific interests that they are passionate about and excel at. Homeschooling has allowed us to tailor their education to their individual needs and interests and focus on their strengths rather than their weaknesses, which provides a comprehensive learning experience that goes beyond the confines of a traditional curriculum.

As a parent who has seen the success of homeschooling over the past 11 years, I believe it is crucial to voice my strong objections to these proposed changes.

Our children have excelled in an inquiry and interest-led learning environment – learning at their own pace, diving deep into their own specific interests, and surpassing their schooled peers in many areas. I strongly object to the inclusion of the National curriculum as the definition of a high quality education.

The one-size-fits-all approach, as proposed, would stifle their natural curiosity, hinder their academic and personal growth, and be of great detriment to both my children's learning and general well-being. The National curriculum is not a suitable substitute for the carefully created, individualised

education each of my children currently receives and thrives upon.

I must express my firm opposition to the proposed changes that impose an unjustifiably increased workload and increased reporting requirements on home educators. The requirement to report on 8 different Key Learning Areas is excessive. This places a significant burden on homeschooling parents and takes away valuable planning and learning time with our children. Reporting should be simplified to ensure that it does not detract from the quality of education provided at home.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed education legislation and to recognize the value and benefits of homeschooling that is 'tailored to suit the child' for families in Queensland. Homeschooling families are dedicated to providing our children with a bespoke, holistic education that nurtures their well-being, their individuality, and prepares them for a successful future.

I implore you to advocate for policies that support and empower homeschooling families to continue providing high-quality education tailored specifically to their children's individual needs.

Please do not make it harder for parents who have chosen to invest their lives in their children's individual, holistic, and meaningful learning journeys.

I trust you will consider my concerns on this important issue. I look forward to your prompt response.

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Sincerely,

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