

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent, a concerned Grandparent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our grandchildren.

The proposed legislation raises several pressing concerns that I believe need to be addressed. Firstly, its potential effects on student welfare.

I have noticed first hand the improvement in my grandchildren's learning and mental health. They were forever tired and dis-regulated and sadly they constantly wore bags under their eyes from being worn out. Their parents actually had to restart their education from prep level upon starting their homeschooling journey due to them being left behind in their school based learning years and their struggles within the school based system going unnoticed. My question to you is, "Who from the homeschooling system did you actually engage with in drafting these proposed reforms?"

I'm concerned that the legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take my feedback into consideration. In light of these concerns, I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed education legislation and to prioritise the best interests of our students. For education to be inclusive of all students, I believe it is important to understand the reasoning behind the education decisions of the families who struggle the most to fit into mainstream education. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. It is my hope that, going forward, this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. I look forward to hearing your response about this important issue.

Sincerely,

Barbara Madden

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