


Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,
please add this to my previous application, there was a typo regarding the year. I was referring to 2024 not 2004.

I'm writing to object to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024.
please find some of my main concerns and thoughts regarding the bills proposed changes to homeschooling below.
Homeschooling in Queensland has increased by almost 300% in the last five years. Families are finding it a successful way to educate and nurture their children in a home environment while also connecting meaningfully with the wider community. Families choose this approach for many different reasons. Instead of making curriculum more prescriptive for homeschooling families, perhaps the government should review the current school system and question why so many people are leaving it.

One of the proposed changes to the bill defines a "high quality" education as the Australian curriculum and states that home schoolers must follow this curriculum, provide reports as well as evidence of progression in all curriculum subjects . It concerns me that no discussion with homeschooling or even parenting and education communities has taken place regarding what constitutes a "high quality education", instead the government is proposing a mandated approach to a standardized curriculum. Parents should be able to choose what's in the best interest of their child, including choosing a curriculum that works for their child. The Australian curriculum is designed for large classrooms, not personalized learning environments.

Our current registration and reporting system is working well, so why change it?

In the case that a child needed to quickly leave school, due to a trauma situations for example, would they need to provide a plan/report including all eight curriculum subjects before doing so, if so this would be very concerning.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the committee to reconsider the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation, working towards an educational system that respects the values and concerns of all families.

Regards

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