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To whom it may concern,

I am grateful for the opportunity to send in a submission about the proposed changes in Queensland to the home education regime.

I am quite concerned at the severity of the proposed changes due to the added pressure it will put on home educators and parents, particularly in terms of reporting, as well as the lowered flexibility of subject matter. I have just start homeschooling this year (although realistically we educate our children in an age appropriate way from birth!) and my daughter has so far absolutely thrived under this system, so much so that she has almost finished an entire Prep level program already, and is far above her peers in terms of mastering the content required of her age. Children benefit so much being educated in a 1-1, low stress environment that I would hate to see more children because unregistered in order to avoid overly rigorous reporting.

Furthermore, how can the government dictate exactly which topics and curriculum that home educators must cover when they do not provide any funding for parents in terms of sourcing resources?

We have found that by homeschooling, my children are able to learn at a level above their peers- where they have met all the standards of Prep and can move onto more advanced level work as they are ready, rather than having to wait for other students in the class or their same age. Why hold children back? This is one of the many benefits that we have found homeschooling to provide. We have also found that we've been able to provide a rich social life for our children, with greater flexibility in managing our time in a way that benefits our whole family. We are healthier mentally and physically as a result. We would respectfully request that the Education Board respect the relationship a parent has with their children, as a unique, deep relationship where parents know their children and what is best for them better than anyone else.

Thank you for your consideration,
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