

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee members,

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to parliament. As a home educating parent, I do not support some of these changes that have been introduced and I am worried about the impact that they will have on the homeschooling community.

Homeschooling has long been a viable alternative for families seeking to provide personalised and tailored education for their children. It offers flexibility, individualised attention, and the opportunity for children to learn at their own pace. However, the proposed legislation threatens to undermine these benefits and impose unnecessary regulations that could impede the ability of families to educate their children in the manner they deem best.

These proposed changes fail to recognise the diversity of homeschooling approaches and the unique needs of individual students. What works for one family may not work for another, and imposing a one size fits all approach to homeschooling would only stifle innovation and limit educational opportunities for children.

Additionally, the proposed ignores the overwhelming evidence that homeschooling can be highly successful academically, socially, and emotionally for many children. Numerous studies have shown that homeschooling students often outperform their peers on

standardised tests, excel in university and beyond, and exhibit strong social and emotional development.

I'm concerned that this legislation has been introduced without proper consultation with current homeschooling families and I hope that you will take all feedback into consideration. 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.

It is my hope that, going forward this legislation can suit the needs of all students across Queensland. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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