

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a homeschooling parent. I object to the proposals in the Education Bill 2024.

Please redact my personal information from publication.

My concerns in the Education Bill are as follows.

Why is homeschool being held to a higher standard than government schooling ? No children entering public schooling are evaluated to see if that schooling situation is in their best interests.

Who will be responsible for determining if homeschool is in the child's best interest ? Who will know and understand my children better than me to know what is best for them, I have carried my children, raised them and kept them safe and now I am educating them through methods that best suit their individual needs.

Why should homeschooling families follow the national curriculum ? Most homeschooling families have left mainstream schooling because the curriculum and school system has failed their children. Everyone is different and have different interests, abilities, skills and ways of learning.

We left the public school system in 2017 after my son's, only aged 6 and 7 had been enduring a year of being bullied and belittled by a teacher and fellow class students. Children of all ages should feel safe and cared for, however my son felt it was safer at the age of 6 to run away from school and make his way home. Thankfully he did make it home. In our experience the classroom was less safe than home.

I believe children learn the best through hands on activities and interactive learning where their creativity can fuel their eagerness and curiosity to learn and engage with the world. Our homeschooled children never back down from a challenge, they are resilient. Our homeschooled children are great problem solvers, they are out of the box thinkers. Our homeschooled children will get in and try without fear of being judged, they are fearless learners. Our homeschooled children can engage in healthy and meaningful conversations with people of all ages and backgrounds, they are socially involved. Our homeschooled children have compassion and understanding towards all living beings, they are respectful. To me these sound like the qualities of good, trustworthy and intelligent people that our society needs more of.

Although the homeschooling community was consulted about some changes, it would seem what is being proposed has been changed and added to. This does insert a high level of concern that this proposal does not have our best interest intended. A mistrust of our government if you will. Some will argue a few homeschooling families have been playing the current system wrongly or perhaps a case or two where something very unfortunate has occurred. This is however a minority compared to Queensland's homeschool community at large. I could even argue that these misfortunes also occur if not at a much larger rate in the public school system that you so highly regard.

Please reconsider changing a homeschooling system that already works, for so many families and for our children's best interests, to a system trapped by a curriculum that is outdated and failing our children.

Thank you for your time,



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