

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

I am writing to you today to advocate for my daughter against the proposed changes to the legislation for Queensland Homeschooling. I do not agree to the new changes to the legislation and I invite you to talk to me at any given time about why.

I am a single mother to a daughter with a complex profile. My daughter is 9yrs old. Some of her profile includes, Autism Lvl 2, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, Intellectual Disability. She also suffers major high anxiety, has cerebral palsy and Tourette's syndrome.

After reading just some of her profile, let it sink in. Think about her day to day life and how that would look for her. Now add the thought of the Australian Curriculum in amongst that profile. The Australian Curriculum was not created for a child like mine.

See, my child is not at the same level socially as her peers. She is also academically behind, she barely reaches the level's of a prep student and she is classed as a year four student due to your curriculum. Imagine being forced to try and learn things out of your reach, imagine trying to learn a degree with no previous learning? Imagine trying to learn, when you can not read and write. Imagine your peers around you noticing and bullying you for it. Imagine a system where a teacher is so overworked they cannot sit one on one to help that student. Imagine that poor teacher having to try and adjust a plan in place for this student, but they legally can only do so much as, they too are being forced to teach the child at a higher level, knowing the child cannot reach it.

This is the pressure that my 9year old is under. 9yrs old! We as adults cannot adapt to stress at that level but we are made to put that on our children? This has been her struggle since starting her school years. In prep, her teacher tried her best but could only do so much. My child had so much anxiety and stress just going to school, let alone the stress of having to stay. For grade 1, I removed her from the private school and put her in a public school that was meant to be equipped for children like mine. However it soon became apparent that it was not. She tried one more school before I moved to NSW, when in NSW she qualified for special school. This is where she shined. She had no school refusal, she was engaging in learning and she was not being bullied by student's around her as they were all friends.

We had to move back to QLD due to family illnesses. When returning I was told she does not qualify for the special education system as in her exact words "Your daughter is not disabled enough"

So again, I was forced to put her into a main stream school. This soon became like actual torture to my child. Every morning she was begging and screaming not to go. She would try and voice to me she is being bullied and she doesn't understand the work. Her stress levels were so bad she began to talk of self harm, a 9yr old child! Wanting to die! Let that sink in!

I knew I couldn't do it to her anymore and enrolled her into the Home Education System. Since doing this, she has actually sat down and tries to read. Her behaviours have changed. She no longer speaks of hurting herself, or hating herself. She engages in learning, she engages in life! She is able to choose things she likes to help her learn, such as cooking, nature walks, caring for her dog, Minecraft. All of these teaching her life skills as well as teaching her to read and write. None of this was possible at schools. None of this happened in her four years of experience in schools and you want me to force that upon her again?

I ask you to really think about what these changes will actually do to a child like mine, I ask you, are you prepared to have literal blood on your hands when these children take their own lives due to the

stress of being forced to follow the Australian Curriculum. When they are bullied due to not fitting into what is classed as normal.

I invite you to speak to me at any time about these changes and how they will really, truthfully impact my child. You are taking her human rights away and mine as a mother.

Kind Regards,

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