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INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011

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Hi,

What harm can learning about Values do to our children? It is incorporated into the curriculum so basically, having Ethics classes in lieu of SRE is a heads up for those children who attend.

It is noted in Reynolds (2012:119) that for the National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools, MCEETYA 'noted that values based education can strengthen students' self-esteem, optimism and commitment to personal fulfilment; help students exercise ethical judgement and social responsibility'. How on earth can that be bad?

The Primary Ethics team have put too much time and effort into this program for it to be abolished. This whole inquiry is a huge waste of money and precious time for everyone involved. Not a real ethical way of spending money.

Please let us keep Ethics. It is the parents, not Fred Nile, who should decide whether their children listen to ethical conversations that will benefit them as opposed to listening to scripture teachers talk about confusing theories.

Kind regards

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