

**Submission
No 144**

**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011**

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Dear Director,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Jewish Australian community to please enact the *2011 Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill*.

The Ethics Classes are opposed because they rely on a system of values which are not entirely based on the *Seven Noachide Laws for all Humanity*. The *Seven Noachide Laws* were first given by G-D to Adam and then to Noach. They are the Laws from Heaven that are binding on all people. None of them may be infringed. We are very concerned that the *Seven Noachide Laws* are not being taught to students, as they are the *only* acceptable code of authentic values and ethics for all people on which moral behaviour is based.

We are also very concerned that in the *Education Act 1990*, *Section 30* in regard to "secular education" states – *Section 30 Secular Instruction "In government schools the education is to consist of strictly non-sectarian and secular instruction. The words "secular instruction" are to be taken to include general religious education as distinct from dogmatic or polemical theology."*

We appeal to you to amend this flaw which is an infringement of a Jewish person's right to our heritage – to learn any religion or philosophy other than Orthodox Judaism is forbidden to us and to our children.

We are also very concerned that Jewish students have been exposed to contact with teachers in religious classes who are not versed solely in Orthodox Judaism. We appeal to you to also amend this flaw which is an infringement of a Jewish person's right to our heritage – to learn any religion or philosophy other than Orthodox Judaism is forbidden to us and to our children.

Thank you for accepting this submission.

Yours faithfully

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