

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

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I oppose the repeal of the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010.

Our family is non-religious. As such, my children have always opted-out of scripture. They have no religion, and therefore it is just that they do not attend any religious class. However, by the time by oldest child (Year 4) gets to do ethics (Term 3, 2012), she will have spent a total of 85 hours at school in a non-instructional setting during scripture. This is totally unacceptable. 85 hours of learning time wasted! The option to opt-in to ethics is a just way to provide the same rights to all children.

To repeal the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010 would be to reinstate the discrimination and disadvantage of innocent children.