

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

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Please do not repeal the Education Act (Ethics) 2010.

We believe ethics classes are a valuable substitute for religious education and offer children who do not want to follow a particular religion a much better alternative.

Ethics and values are a very important part of what we should be teaching our children. Some might argue that these should be taught at home, but so should religion in that case ! We have 4 choices of religion in our school (anglican, jewish, catholic and bahai) and none of them fits our religious persuasion. Our children are therefore sat in a classroom drawing and doodling for half an hour.

Surely that time is better spent thinking about ethics and values and giving children some valuable input to prepare them for the difficult teenage years ahead.

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