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

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Dear Sir. /Madam

SUBJECT: ETHICS COURSE

I am writing giving my support for the cancellation of the Ethics Course previously introduced by the ALP/Greens Bill .

I have been a teacher of SRE in a Public School in my area for the last 5 years and shall continue this year. I have therefore had direct contact with the Primary School Children I have taught and know they have appreciated the time I take from my Consulting Engineering business to spend time with them teaching them the SRE curriculum.

The Ethics Course attempts to provide humanistic reasoning why Australia is a unique and blessed country, (blessed by God Almighty as revealed in the Judo/Christian Scriptures). Scripture Teachers are not limited by Public School teacher protocol so we are free to expand internationally accepted truths and our Faith. This area of knowledge is not being taught or depicted in the arena of the amusement media, rarely on TV or at the movies.

I object to the Ethics course for the following reasons:

1. It ignores the godly reason for existence as a whole and reason for the birth of our nation. A good example of this is in the birth of Australia as a modern nation. Instead of convicted people being executed or jailed in England, they were transported as convicts to colonise Sydney with the access to both paid Church of England Ministers and oddly Irish Priests, something that could be regarded as treason but benevolent and godly, all for the convicts spiritual security
2. It teachers relative morals with no absolutes as humanists cannot accept that morals can be laid down by another person or higher spiritual identity
3. The consequence of teaching relative morals was unquestionable proved by the German Regime during the 2nd World War and I do not want such proven false doctrines of life poisoning our children who are our next generation of workers and leaders of Australian
4. I believe that if it is good enough for believing Christian and Atheistic Politicians to pray together during the opening sessions of State Parliament each year, it is consistent to have Primary School students also be exposed to prayers and Scriptural teaching during their formative years in Primary School. The Ethics Course take this constitutional right away from them using the excuse of being politically incorrect

5. The ethics course is the thin edge of the wedge teaching the religion of Humanism, a belief system that is claimed to be based on scientific deduction but is a smoke screen portrayed by atheistic journalism and not true science. Christianity can stand up to the test of true science and the career of any Scientist does not need to depend on the philosophy or religion of evolution, humanism and atheism to be successful in their fields of research.
6. The ethics course will leave young Australians confused as to
 - The teaching of the godly purpose of marriage,
 - Actual history of the world as documented in the Judo Christian Scriptures compared to the evolutionary guesses portrayed by journalists and film producers,
 - The unending depth of Intelligent Design present all around compared to a theory of evolution which flukes of nature produced
 - The ultimate confusion arises when a Child realizes that when they are being taught everything around them is a product of chance with no eternal purpose, they ask the question what the reason for living which leaves some thinkers in despair
7. SRE at least give me an opportunity to motivate, instil reason, birth hope, paint a picture of Faith based on God's Love for me and as a consequence, a God type of love from me to mankind, especially to the students in my SRE classes. I see the Ethics Course giving children a window shopping experience of the purpose of life compared with entering and experiencing the riches inside the shop (of life) as provided by the SRE curriculum.

I am in favour of cancelling the ALP/Greens Ethics Bill and the continuing of SRE in NSW Public Primary Schools. If humanists or atheists want to acknowledged that they are a belief system based on their own speculation and not reproducible scientific facts (ie. they are a religion), I understand they would qualify to teach their own program under SRE rules along with other faiths such as Islam and Buddhists. In that way, parents would at least know what religion they are signing their children up for when they nominate SRE at the beginning of each year.

Kind Regards
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