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

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ATTENTION: HON. MARIE FICARRA M.L.C.

Dear Madam,

For 20 years I taught Year 6 at Chatswood Primary School.

As you are aware, at 11 and 12 years of age, children are trying to work out how they are going to conduct their lives, their relationships, their work etc.

During those years of teaching, I noticed the difference between children taking Scripture and those who did not.

Learning that there is a God who loves them, values them and Who wants to guide them, promotes self-esteem and an assurance that they have a right to be alive and are required to make their own worthwhile contribution.

The children learn to respect others and to take responsibility for their own behaviour knowing that one day, we will all be called to account for the conduct of our lives.

Our society today is made up so much of "me-centred" people. If the Ethics course continues to expound that there is nothing right or wrong and that behaviour depends on the circumstances at the time, then Society will really fall into chaos where cheating, violence and anti-social behaviour will create a frightened, mal-adjusted self-centred generation of sad young people.

I earnestly ask that you keep our Christian standards in place, and allow the children to learn about the Living Lord of all creation, who has their best interests at heart.

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Judy Hodges