

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

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Dear Sirs ,

I would like to bring this submission in opposing the Ethics Course.

Today in Australia we are seeing increasing crime , especially that committed by young adults. Cities and towns are asking for greater police numbers, jails are full. There is much corruption in high places and even by members of local, state and federal government. What is happening to our country?

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the Russian philosopher said “ More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall having a group of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia “ Men have forgotten God, this is why this has happened” .Since then I have spent well nigh 50 years working on the history of our revolution...If I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main course of the ruinous revolution, that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat “ Men have forgotten God that is why it all happened”.

As I look at Australia today , with it's crime, drugs, multiple abortions, laws changed to suit the homosexual lobby etc. I want to say “ Men have forgotten God that is why it is happening”.

Are we going to allow a handful of atheists , men who have turned their back on God to challenge the Scripture in schools and chaplaincy programmes?

Are we going to allow such selfish men and women to rob our children of the freedom to learn about their Christian heritage, the foundation of our Australian constitution, to learn what God's Word says and to be free to make their own decisions regarding following God's Word for themselves?

The Ethics course is Atheistic, - does not mention God, Jesus Christ or the Bible and it does not teach students what is right from wrong.

I would like to see it cancelled but under no circumstances should it ever be allowed to conflict with or replace Scripture in Schools.

As a Christian , God is the source of strength , wisdom and joy in my life. I want every child to have the freedom to know about God and choose for themselves.

Yours sincerely,

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