

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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General Purpose Standing Committee No.2
C/- Parliament House,
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Congregational Churches to register our opposition to the Ethics Course in NSW Public Schools.

We believe that this course undermines approved Special Religious Education Classes, with parents mistakenly believing that their children will learn an appropriate ethical code of behaviour at Ethics Classes. We do not believe this happens, but instead, that Ethics Classes promote a secular-humanist worldview, with situation-ethics being taught at the expense of a biblical framework of right and wrong, this being the ethical code upon which our society was founded.

I wish the Members of the Committee well in their deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

Alan R. Best
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