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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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As a parent of two primary school aged children I am very interested in ethics continuing to be offered as an option for children's SRE.

Our family does not 'belong' to any of the religions that are represented in our local schools SRE program. I am unhappy that because of this my children miss out on the opportunity to have structured conversations about morality, and values (themes that came up regularly during my own SRE as a child) in a secular context.

I believe that educating our children on ethics and having a structured program in which to do this is will have a positive influence on them as individuals and therefore on the community.

If the ethics course is not available children opting out of SRE are given nothing meaningful to do. This discriminates against those children and is entirely unacceptable.