

**Submission
No 164**

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

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- To the Hon. Marie Ficarra MLC, and committee,
I am writing in support of SRE classes to continue, as they have since they were introduced, with out any opposing alternatives, such as Ethics classes, during SRE allotted time. For the following reasons:-
- 1) SRE helps form a personal, moral and ethical framework, drawing on the values and moral teachings of Jesus - teaching that is admired by everyone, christian or otherwise.
 - 2) Christians' values and beliefs based on knowledge of the scriptures has shaped and fashioned much of the morality of this great country.
Our whole system of jurisprudence, our Constitution are based upon and interwoven with our Christian belief, which all Australians respect and are thankful for.
 - 3) Children need to know the Bible to understand western culture and literature.

I am against Ethics classes because they teach philosophical decision making based on relativism, with no source of moral authority and no help in understanding any basis for right and wrong - how then will our youth become integrated and whole, and indeed happy?

Yours sincerely
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