

**Submission
No 233**

INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this submission as it greatly distresses me to hear that the ethics classes are again under scrutiny after such a short period of time since their last review while the SRE classes have never been assessed.

As a parent of children who do not attend SRE classes it came as relief that finally there would no longer be discrimination in our state schools to children who were from families of non Christian backgrounds. With the option they could attend Ethics Classes.

It is imperative that our state schools offer the same services for all members of our community regardless of their beliefs. If children of religious families have extra classes they can attend during school hours then there must be an alternative for non-religious children.

If the State Government is going to fund a review of Ethics classes with taxpayers money then SRE classes must also be reviewed as to their appropriate content and curriculum.

Regards,
Sharon Armstrong