

**Submission
No 199**

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

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2
Parliament House
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RE: Submissions to Committee Inquiring into Ethics Classes

Dear Sir or Madam

This letter is my written submission to the Committee Inquiring into Ethics Classes.

My daughter commenced primary school this year as a kindergarten student. I was aware that students are taught scripture in public schools. I had also thought that ethics classes were offered as an alternate to scripture. After my daughter had started the school year an information session was held for the new parents. At this session the parents were informed that ethics classes were only available for Year 5 and 6 students. Further to this, the school highly recommended that the kindergarten children took the scripture classes as non-scripture comprised watching videos on an ad-hoc basis. My family's strong preference is that ethics classes be available to students in all year levels.

On doing further research, I discovered that Fred Nile has initiated the Committee Inquiring into Ethics Classes with a view to having ethics classes removed. I would like to present my views on the matter:

1. Fred Nile is not the parent of my daughter and has no right to impose his spiritual views upon her;
2. The NSW State Government has no right to impose their spiritual views upon my daughter;
3. The teaching of ethics aligns with the beliefs and values of my family; and
4. I would view the removal of ethics classes as discrimination against my family's beliefs and values.

I trust that the above points will be duly considered by the Committee. The NSW State Government has been elected to represent the people of NSW, not just the supporters of the Christian Democratic Party.

Sincerely,

David Jarred