

**Submission
No 267**

INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011

Name: Mr John Coote

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to ask you to please continue with the Ethics programme for Primary School children. Previously children whose parents did not want them to attend a faith based scripture programme were required to do nothing at all during the time allocated to scripture. This programme is a great alternative to scripture classes, but particularly so compared to doing nothing at all.

Children attending ethics classes do not have any adverse effect on children attending the scripture classes, or on the scripture classes themselves.

The current NSW government went into the last election promising to keep the classes, the ethical thing to do would be of course to keep that promise and keep ethics classes in NSW primary schools.

Yours Sincerely

John Coote