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

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GPSC2 GPSC2 - Investigate religious classes AND ethics classes. Don't discriminate against non-Christians.

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Subject: Investigate religious classes AND ethics classes. Don't discriminate against non-Christians.

- Dear Ms Duffy and others,
- As a mother, I support Mr Nile's call for an investigation into ethics classes, AS LONG AS this investigation also looks into religious education. SRE classes have never been formally investigated since their introduction in the 19th Century. Australia is a secular country, so it is hypocritical and old-fashioned to assume religious education should not be investigated.
- I strongly object to the repealing of the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010, which would remove the legal requirement to offer ethics classes to children not attending SRE classes. My morals do not allow my children to attend SRE classes. My children must not be discriminated against by being given nothing to do while the SRE class goes on.
- regards,
- Caroline Shepherd,
- Mother and voter,
- Marrickville, NSW