

**Submission
No 44**

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

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2
Parliament House
Macquarie St
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I urge your support of the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010.

I strongly object the proposal by Nile to investigate ethics classes.

I recently moved to Sydney from the United States.

My child currently attends a government school in NSW.

Point 1:

I am really surprised NSW even has scripture class. In the United States, that would be considered proselytizing with public funds and not allowed. Religious topics are scrupulously avoided in public schools.

Point 2:

With this proposal by Nile, why are only Ethics classes being subjected to committee to investigation? Scripture classes should also be subjected to the same investigation as well. It seems to me the nature of the committee and the objectives should be clear. Either way, it such investigations would be a waste of public money. I say scrap both scripture and ethics. End of argument.

Point 3:

My son is not enrolled in scripture. Neither does his school offer an ethics class for his year at this time. So for the last few years, my son has be forced to occupy himself without any educational befit. From what I was told, it that children who do not take scripture intentionally have nothing meaningful to do. This is totally bizarre to me. I and really angers me more than the two points above.

Sincerely,
Gloria Mao