

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

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The Director
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I am writing this submission, about, Ethics classes.

I am a grandmother, who feels strongly about the rights and freedoms of Australia's children to be taught Ethics, during the SRE time.

Religion is for the religious, and the children who are not religious have a right to attend classes, which enhance thinking, problem solving, social dilemmas, relationships and conflict resolution.

Where the ethics classes have been taught, there has been a decrease in bullying. This fact should be enough reason to justify teaching ethics in all schools, even making them compulsory!

There is no logical reason to not teach ethics, whilst scripture is taught to the religious.

While the ethics classes are under scrutiny, it is only correct for the SRE classes to be under scrutiny too. Hon Fred Nile is attacking the ethics classes as though they threaten religious teaching.

It is important to keep the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010, so the situation does not return where those who do not wish to attend a religious class are left filling in time. If this Amendment is repealed it would be totally unacceptable to thousands of parents and members of our community.

To not allow ethics classes is discriminating against those who want choice.

Keeping the ethics classes is not in any way a threat to other classes.

Yours sincerely,

Lindy Robb