

**Submission
No 306**

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

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Hon Marrie Ficarra
Legislative Assembly,
Parliament House
Sydney 2000,



Dear Ms Ficarra,

Re: Ethics Parliamentary Inquiry

I would like to voice my concern about the proposed introduction to Ethics classes into NSW Schools. Even though Ethics classes are to be introduced with the right intentions, they will do nothing to alter the problems in society. The teaching of Special Religious Education in Schools teach that there is one God, the founder of true ethical standards such as loving God first, loving your parents, not murdering, not giving false testimony, remaining faithful to your spouse. Atheism and Humanism teaches against respecting parents, it teaches violence, it teaches unfaithfulness and teaches that there is no God. Despite there being clear evidence about the history of Jesus Christ. The fact is, more has been written about Jesus than any other man.

The teaching of Ethics according to Man's values can be easily eroded. Gradually the standards will be softened and therefore will not achieve the objectives of which they are being taught. Eventually, the classes will have no impact and might be removed altogether, meaning that students will grow up with no ethical basis. Ethics taught by God's standards will never erode away, and therefore the standards will remain unaltered, meaning that they will always have a standard which to base life. We live in a society that many people only know the name of God and Jesus Christ as swear words and not as their creator. This should demonstrate the need for SRE in our schools. Instead we live in a world where unfaithfulness, pornography, drunkenness, violent video games, rebellion against teachers, parents, and those that are in authority are accepted. Homosexuality and gay marriages are accepted, but Christianity is frowned upon as unacceptable. I call upon the Government to cancel the proposals for Ethics classes in NSW.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Miller