

Submission
No 364

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

Name: Ms Rebecca Ryan

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Partially Confidential

I am writing to request that the Education Act (Ethics) 2010 not be repealed.

My seven year old daughter currently attends _____ and participates in non-scripture classes during the allocated time for SRE. Our family does not have a religious faith and we do not feel it is appropriate for us to send her to a religious instruction class of a faith that she does not hold.

Through the introduction of ethics classes at her school she will have the opportunity of receiving instruction during the allocated SRE time. Please do not remove the only option she has for learning during SRE.

I feel that she is currently being discriminated against for not holding a faith. She is unable to receive any instruction at present during the non-scripture class time, not even in knitting, yoga, drama or other subjects that are not in the curriculum. Without the Education Act (Ethics) 2010 my daughter will be required to spend valuable school time each week not actually being instructed in any way. I do not accept that this is how education in NSW public schools should be offered to our children - based on their religious back ground and the beliefs of their families.

So I repeat, please do not repeal the Education Act (Ethics) 2010.

Yours Sincerely,
Rebecca Ryan