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

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## **GPSC2 GPSC2 - ETHICS COURSE INQUIRY**

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To the Members of the Inquiry,

We are sending this email to show our concern over the Ethics Course and the way that support for this course is being promoted.

A number of P & C Association branches have been taken over by teachers and the official view of the Association is now the same as the NSW Teachers Federation.

The P & C Committees should be representative of the views of the parents of the children and not be indicative of the views of teachers or any one else not a parent.

We urge and seek the repeal of the ALP-Green Ethic Course Bill, which would allow the time to consider suitable activities for children whose parents remove them from the approved Special Religious Education classes for whatever reason.

We have heard of cases where parents have filled out the enrolment forms wrongly and then don't realise they can be changed. Removing a child from SRE does not necessarily mean they want the child to attend the Ethics Course. Other venues need to be made available.

Therefore we urge the repeal of this Bill.

Yours faithfully

Colin and Roeli King