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INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011

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I wholly support the introduction of Ethics classes as an alternative to SRE. It is discriminatory for students not attending SRE to be spending time on useless activities instead of being able to explore moral and ethical principles. Ethics classes are an opportunity for students to explore moral issues without the inherent bias of a particular religion. Ethics classes are not "anti-scripture" and they do not "promote atheism". They promote rational thinking and consideration of other peoples' point of view.