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INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011

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I thoroughly support the ethics program in public schools and indeed, I would like to see the program extended to early years including Kindy.

It is an issue that would decide my vote.

Many of us, do not have religious views, but support community values.

My own experience of religious education in public schools was frightening and confusing. I found that it was taught in a dogmatic and unquestioning way.

My children will not be attending scripture and while scripture remains taught in public schools (which it shouldn't) there needs to be an alternative for non-scripture students.

I await its availability to my young children.