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

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Please do not repeal the legislation allowing Ethics classes. I have three children. My children decide themselves where they wish to be in SRC time. I have one who chooses to attend Anglican scripture. The others choose non scripture and do nothing.

I became interested in what was going on in this time when I heard the Anglican attendee telling his younger brother that he would "burn in hell" if he did not believe in God. He was told this in Scripture. He has come out with some other unsavoury little comments that has made us question who runs these sessions, what is their training and qualification.? Where is the scrutiny that every other aspect of primary education is subject to?

My point is that using the structure provided by the St James ethic centre for all children in the government school system would remove the poor quality material and unprofessional delivery. This should be used for all and regarded as a great opportunity for improvement rather than with suspicion.

Alternatively SRC should be removed from government schools and returned to being a parent responsibility as it is currently dangerously amateur.