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

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Hon Marie Ficarra MLC
The Parliamentary Inquiry
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Dear Hon Marie Ficarra

I wish to register my disapproval of the proposed Ethics Course in NSW Schools. The Ethics Course does not mention God, Jesus Christ or the Bible and it does not teach students what is right or wrong. The course promotes secular humanism and "situation ethics", "relativism" and that nothing is right or wrong, that there are no absolutes, that what you choose to do - such as lie, steal, bash etc., depends on the circumstances at the time. I feel this course will divide Australian children and cause growing friction and conflict and may even produce a generation of militant atheists who will oppose Christianity and the Judeo-Christian Ethic. The Ethics Course will confuse children, during sensitive developmental years.

Christians do not wish to force children to attend Scripture classes but they should be given this option, so they understand this important aspect of our Australian culture.

Sincerely

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