

Submission
No 454

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

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Partially Confidential

Please do not repeal the Education Act (Ethics) 2010.

I am an Australian citizen currently living in West Yorkshire (only for 18 months). My children attend school here and I have been amazed (and disturbed) by how much religious education is incorporated into school life - and yet my children attend a community school!! One of the reasons I am eager to return to Australia and for my children to attend [redacted] Primary School (- [redacted] is where our home is) - is because of the Ethics program offered at that school. I believe the Ethics in Schools program is progressive and reflects an open-minded society. It makes me proud to be Australian and look forward to coming home and offering my children a more progressive education than the one on offer here in England. Thank you.