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I wish to urge the decision-makers on the committee to maintain the Ethics Classes for students in NSW public schools. Never have we needed ethics classes for our young people more than we do now. Many messages reach our children about how an "every man for himself" attitude is acceptable and even desirable and this is not good for our society ... we need to have structured opportunities to discuss ethics with children... School is the perfect place to do it. Children need to learn to think for themselves about the value of the common good, and about how human beings need to treat each other, especially in our multicultural society.