

**Submission  
No 7**

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

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The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee  
No. 2 Parliament House  
Macquarie St Sydney  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this submission as a concerned parent and citizen. I am concerned that our government is placing petty politics before the educational needs of our children. The ethics classes that have been conducted recently in our state schools have been a wonderful and important learning experience for our children. Children now have the option to participate in lessons that encourage them to think, question and develop a deep understanding of values and humanity. These lessons are based on a secular curriculum, with lesson plans and goals that take place in our secular education system. They provide our children an important alternative to religious education which is often poorly taught and discriminatory.

I want my children and their peers to have an opportunity for debate around issues that concern all peoples, so that we have moral, fair, equitable and compassionate generations in the future.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Honnery