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

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I am writing to ask that your investigation into ethics classes is done in a fair and intelligent manner. I am currently the Ethics Coordinator for ethics classes at School where the classes have been going since the beginning of the year. The children attending have been interested and engaged and would be upset if they were denied the opportunity to engage in meaningful activity as Fred Nile would have them do.

While an investigation into ethics classes is unnecessary as one was conducted last year before they were given the go ahead - surely there should also be an investigation into SRE and the various religious institutions and teachers who are allowed into schools each week with no formal interviews etc. The amount of documentation the ethics coordinators and teachers needed was significantly more than any SRE teacher has ever been required to undertake.

If ethics classes are stopped there will be a huge backlash from all those parents who fought so hard for these to be offered as an alternative and we would be utterly ashamed that any so called Christian person would allow our children to sit and do nothing again because the religious fanatics were feeling paranoid and threatened.

This is a very provocative topic and one that shouldn't even be an issue in 2011 in a supposedly democratic secular society where all parents have the right to choose whether their children attend religious instruction or not. Please look at this seriously and sensibly. All SRE options must be investigated if ethics is to be or it would be an entirely unfair situation.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this - as you can see I feel very strongly that ethics classes MUST remain an option for those children who opt out of SRE as it would be the most CHRISTIAN thing to do and not allowing them would be discrimination in the most wicked sense.

Di Adams