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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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Parliamentary Inquiry Re Ethics Course

I am gravely concerned that the proposed Ethics Course promotes secular humanism and does not mention God the Bible or Jesus Christ. Our nation is founded on the Judeo-Christian Ethic, The Ten Commandments are the basis of our Justice System which has given us an enviable fair and stable society.

It is very alarming that the Ethics Course fails to give our young people an understanding of right and wrong. Instead it endorses relativism and situational ethics where there are no absolutes and the outcome for our future society could be very grave.

From the point of view of the education of English and literature the Bible has influenced our language more than any other document as shown on an ABC documentary last year on the 400 Year celebration of the publication of the King James Version of the Bible. Quality literature quotes heavily from the Book of Proverbs Psalms and Parables ignorance of which is detrimental to the study of quality literature. The Bible as literature has been studied in Communist countries to raise the standard of reading

We live in a country that celebrates Christmas and Easter and our children have the right to know the origin and meaning of these pivotal calendar events.

I draw to your attention the harmful nature of the Ethics Course and believe it should not be introduced into our schools where children are unable to discern the detrimental implications of its values.

Yours sincerely

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