

**Submission  
No 10**

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

**Name:** Mr Gideon Jennings

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The Director ,  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2,  
Parliament House,  
Macquarie St, Sydney NSW 2000

Gideon Jennings,

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am distressed to hear that the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010 is under threat. Not surprising that Fred Nile is behind it.

My youngest is coming up to year two and I was so pleased to hear about the introduction of Ethics classes. I am worried enough about my daughter doing well in school to get a good start in life without her being denied class time in order that other students can take religious instruction. With Ethics classes this school time is not only *not* wasted for those who don't follow religion in school but can be used in a constructive way that will give her a chance to develop skills that will benefit her and society in general. I have been so pleased with the NSW public school system when comparing it to my school days; it's changes in so many positive ways. Ethics classes are another positive.

Perhaps a more useful investigation for Parliament would be into SRE classes and their place in the education system. I am curious to know if religious teachings are taught as fact in these classes which would clearly have no place in schools.

So I appeal to you as strongly as possible to consider my plea to keep Ethics classes going and growing in NSW schools.

Sincerely,

Gideon Jennings