

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

Name: Ms Megan Luke Guenther

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to have my children taught ethics in school as an alternative to doing nothing or scripture. I do not wish other people unrelated to me to influence my decisions as to whether this can happen or not because of a religious reason, an ethical reason and especially not a political one.

If the inquiry is to be effective you must also look at the way the scripture is run in schools. My family has had a variety of teachers in more than one school who have told my children that they will go to hell if they don't "believe". I believe this is more detrimental to them than anything that ethics can produce.

I am an ethics teacher and completed a two day course in order to teach the set curriculum. My students in Years 5 and 6 have, from their own words greatly enjoyed and benefited from the lessons this year and the year 5's are already excited about the topics for next year. For a ten year old to tell me that they think about others more and are more aware of their surrounding can only be a good thing.

Please keep this course going and do not be swayed by politics or religious beliefs. I don't try to stop or interfere in what people believe in, don't let them interfere with my family and what we wish our children to do either.

Yours Sincerely,

Megan Luke Guenther