

**Submission
No 341**

INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011

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I oppose the repeal of the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010.

The decision for parents to have their children attend scripture classes is a personal matter, and there are plenty of Catholic or other religious schools in NSW, where parents can send their children if they are serious about religious education.

While I am strictly against any kind of religious teaching in schools, I was pleased that the previous Government had decided that children whose parents chose to opt out of special religious education classes should have meaningful discussions during the time their peers were being pressed down the path of religious faith.

Faith is a personal matter that should be decided upon by rational adult minds. Not coerced by repetition of prayers and handing out lollies.

Please do not allow emotional needs of a few to ruin progress and choice for those who need it most: our children.