

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

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

For a year now, Ethics has been legally allowed to run alongside Scripture and Non-Scripture in public schools.

As far as I am aware the feedback from students and parents was overwhelmingly positive.

For nearly 150 years there has never been any inquiry into what goes on in SRE classes, but after one successful year of Ethics, Fred Nile is demanding that the curriculum be scrutinized.

I believe no un-qualified volunteers should be granted access to our children, regardless of the message they are carrying. After all, would you allow a 'maths volunteer' to teach your child maths? Just because they are really enthusiastic and interested in the topic? No, you would only want qualified teachers having access to your child, and I believe the same goes for RE.