

Submission
No 173

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

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My submission is simple.

Mr Fred Nile has not provided evidence that ethics from a secular viewpoint are any less important than ethics from a religious viewpoint, it removes the option for children to learn ethics without being exposed to a belief system, and some religious ethics aren't nearly at the standard of our secular society.

Mr Fred Nile's bill is also in contempt of the Australian Constitution, as per Chapter V, section 116. By removing the option to choose to attend no-religiously affiliated ethics classes, he is imposing religious observance upon those who wish to learn ethics within the state school system.