

**Submission  
No 193**

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

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The Committee Chairman  
Hon Marie Ficarra MLC  
C/O GPSC 2  
NSW Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney, NSW 2000

Dear Hon Ficarra

RE: Secular Ethics Course

This letter suffice as my formal OPPOSITION to this course as currently outlined.

I call for the cancellation of the ALP/Green Bill by repealing this Bill.

The course fails to mention God, Jesus Christ or the Bible. Yet Christian beliefs are evident in every walk of Australian life, and in fact throughout the world. These beliefs reveal themselves in every walk of life from literature and social behaviour, to economics and legal issues. As a society based on these Christian beliefs Australian's have a responsibility and duty of care to provide children and young persons with information regarding the background of the culture in which they life. This information will help them to clarify their own thinking and belief systems.

The course does not teach principals of 'right' and 'wrong'. Legal statutes establish boundaries of appropriate (right) and inappropriate (wrong) behaviour. The course Supports 'situation ethics, which undermines the basic premise of respect for human life. In order to develop appropriate socially acceptable behaviour, young people need boundaries, to have set limits. There must be clarity in what is acceptable and not acceptable behaviour.

I support positive age appropriate, supervised alternative learning activities for children and young persons whose parents have withdrawn them from scripture classes.

Sincerely,

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