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

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The Honorable Parliamentary Committee on Ethics Courses,

The Chairperson,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the so called Ethics courses to be taught to schoolchildren. Legislating for this to be introduced, will be a retrograde step.

Being involved in teaching children the difference between right and wrong myself, I can see the rebellion and illdiscipline that is so prevalent in many of these children. They are looking up to be taught absolutes, standards and guide lines on which to follow and upon which they can build their lives.

It is Atheistic which means "no God for me or His rules" such as, no lying, no cheating, no swearing (the "F" word etc), no "sleeping around" with anyone except in marriage. The breaking of this rule has resulted in a plague proportion of sexual diseases! Plus other rules that God has given for us humans to live in harmony and good health. Therefore the question is, what are the substitutes for these very practical rules that are going to be taught in these "Ethics" classes?

I believe that introducing such teaching into the curriculum will cause children to think that they can do as their heart desires and will lead to further disrespect to their elders as well as a further breakdown in teachers being able to maintain discipline in the classroom.

One other question in regards to this proposed bill is, who will be eligible to teach such "ethics" to children? Some would say, the teachers. But the problem would be, how many teachers could qualify without being hypocritical as many have rejected God's simple honest rules themselves!

I know there are children and parents opting out of Scripture because they have chosen the "no God for me" and His rules. That is their right. And so if they choose to do so, they may be given other productive school work to do.

I am very concerned about the breakdown in standards in our society especially among the younger generation, as they only follow the example and leadership of the older generation. But I believe that what this Bill proposes is not a positive step but a negative step and will do nothing to stop the decline in society's standards.

So I respectfully ask that you do not introduce Ethics Classes into our State School system.

Yours sincerely,

Barry May