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

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Partially Confidential

Please do not repeal the Education Act (Ethics) 2010

My son started kindergarten at _____ School, _____ this year.

_____ School has not introduced the ethics programme as yet. I sincerely hope it does. I understand that as a kindergarten student my son would not have been able to access the ethics programme even if it had been on offer at _____ school as it is currently only being offered to years 5 and 6.

In preparing to enrol my son in the public school system I was very disappointed to discover that the ethics programme had not been introduced across the board.

I feel that in a secular society, and in particular a public school system, it is essential that we acknowledge and understand the shared ethical beliefs of our society. It is discriminatory to only make room for religious based programmes and not accept a non-religious based ethics programme.

I am grateful for the hard work that has been done by all those involved in creating the ethics programme and do not want to see this work wasted. I would rather see implementation of the programme fast tracked so that my son and the children of so many like-minded parents can benefit.

Sincerely

Tanya Ljubic