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

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Committee Repeal of Ethics Course Bill enquiry

Hon. Marie Ficarra MLC
Parliament House
Sydney 2000

Dear Madam,

I write to support the repeal of the recently passed "Ethics Bill" which is offered in place of traditional Religious Education.

As a loyal and concerned citizen I want to see this state and this nation blessed.

I am concerned for accuracy and truth. As a general practitioner, I have the privilege of some input into the lives of hundreds of people, some closed to the realm of the spirit and some radiantly open to the truths of the Bible and the reality of Almighty God. I can see this huge difference.

A course like this Ethics Course that does not mention God, Jesus, the Bible, the Ten Commandments is offering ignorance or at worst a misinformation. Offering our children a choice of take-away fast food instead of home cooked nutritious meals will bring a health disaster. To stretch the metaphor, this Ethics Course is like a spiritual version of take-away food.

This course promotes an aesthetic world view, free of absolutes and inviting children's decision making based on their own limited and "still forming" world view.

Those who receive SRE with traditional material from the Bible will have a deposit of spiritual truth. They may reject it or build on it later in their lives.

These children are our future. We want our state and nation to remain founded on our Judeo Christian heritage and our previous blessings by God.

No child is forced to go to Scripture. There can be other library based supervised activities.

The Ethics course based on a secular humanities worldview promotes misinformation, and poor decision making and as such should be soundly rejected.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. L. Holliday