

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

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Dear Parliamentary Inquiry Committee GPSC 2

Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian values which clearly establish right from wrong and is a bible based belief system of care, trust, & respect for others. Yet these fundamental values are to be replaced with the teaching of Ethics over the long term in place of Scripture (SRE) in our schools.

Parents do need the extra support that comes when children are taught that right is different to wrong. Scripture (SRE) teaches sound life values and principles that are so essential for a child and for the framework of our society.

While people of other cultures have joined our society they need to understand what is the true meaning of our major calendar events Christmas and Easter.

The heritage of our quality literature frequently makes literary allusions to the Proverbs psalms & parables of the Bible and an understanding

of their meaning is necessary for the teaching of literature in our schools.

Ethics is a philosophical course not understood by young children, that promotes secular humanism and situation ethics, relativism that nothing is right or wrong, that there is no absolutes and what you choose to do such as lying stealing bashing etc depends on the circumstances at the time. This is so different to the teachings in the Ten Commandments that shall not steal love thy neighbour as thyself etc

I oppose the running of a secular atheist ethics course in our schools and support the passage of the "repeal bill". Parents must be given the full opportunity to allow their children to attend Scripture classes (SRE) in our Primary & High schools of N.S.W. without the conflicts of an ethics course

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Thanks. Greg.

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