

**Submission  
No 42**

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

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The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
Sydney NSW 2000

Re: Investigation into Ethics Classes

I am writing to express my support for the Primary Ethics classes in NSW schools. I understand that your committee has been appointed to investigate these classes. As the teachers are all interviewed, trained and closely follow an evidence based, Department approved curriculum, I think you will find the classes to be an excellent model for SRE. I suggest that there should be an investigation of other (non-ethics) SRE classes in primary schools to ensure they are upholding similar rigour to Primary Ethics.

The ethics classes offered at our school provide a wonderful opportunity for students that were previously in the non-religious group with no structured activities during SRE time. If the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010 were repealed, this would discriminate against those students and would be entirely unacceptable to parents, children and other members of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Samantha Karmel

Parent,