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Submission OPPOSING ETHICS COURSES IN SCHOOLS

Attn. Hon Marie Ficarra MLC,
Parliamentary Inquiry C/- GPSC 2,
NSW Parliament House,
Macquarie Street SYDNEY 2000

Dear Madam,

I am writing in OPPOSITION to the ETHICS COURSE and calling for the CANCELLATION of the ALP/Green Bill which established the Ethics Course in NSW Schools.

What is not always acknowledged is the fact that at present the basis of values and ethics in Australian society, in law etc. is the Judeo-Christian Ethic, which is based on the idea that there is a Creator God to whom each one of us is accountable. All children in NSW need to understand this aspect of Australian history.

I am not at all suggesting that faith-based Scripture should be compulsory. Those whose parents do not wish their children to attend Scripture can be shown educational videos – but not on the same subjects in the curriculum so as not to give these children an advantage over the Scripture attendees.

With its atheistic basis, the ethics course can only produce “situational” ethics solutions where there are no absolute rights or wrongs, and, probably the most pernicious of all, a worldview that says that the end justifies the means. We have only to look at the 20th Century, the death camps and gulags to know where that worldview leads. Yes, it could happen again.

Yours sincerely,