

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

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SUBMISSION: Opposing introduction of Ethics Course in N.S.W. schools as proposed in the A.L.P./Greens Bill.

My deep concern in regard to this matter arises out of the fact the Course is:-

1. Atheistic in content. Nowhere does it mention God, Jesus Christ or the Bible. All 3 are notions fundamental in the establishment of our culture and undergirds our constitution.
2. The Course leaves students without any definitive sense of right and wrong, everything is left to the students discretion.
3. I wish to remind the Proposers of the Induction of the Ethics Course in Schools that the presentation of Scripture has been carried out by hundreds of dedicated volunteers for many years. "VOLUNTEERS" This has meant at little cost to the school or Government while often at substantial and personal cost to the Volunteers. Are we to expect the Education Department (Govt) to foot the bill?
4. Are the regular teachers in our schools to be expected to add Ethics classes to their already overloaded curriculum, or is there to be a recruitment drive to employ specially trained teachers and counselors. This will result in another huge cost to the Government.

I present the above out of deep concern for the future prosperity of our great country and the wellbeing of the ongoing generation if this Course is introduced at any time in our schools.

Yours sincerely,
Colin Nelson