

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

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I deliberately chose to send my child to a secular state school as I do not want others teaching my child about religion - that is the responsibility of my wife and I. However, I have always deeply resented the fact that my children must endure wasted periods of valuable school time so that some children can be subjected to religious indoctrination. I send my kids to school to learn not attend colouring in and finger painting sessions.

I worked very hard to get the unjust, arcane legislation that caused this situation changed and Ethics sessions allowed and will fight equally hard against any attempt to turn the clock back to the 1800s. I consider this matter an infringement of basic human rights of the child and discriminatory. A legal challenge to the United Nations may well be needed to put this matter beyond the influence of politicians blackmailed by the absolute minority voice of a religious conservative no less dangerous in my mind (and those of everybody I know) than an Islamic fundamentalist. Religious bigots have no place in an open and tolerant modern society like ours and certainly should have absolutely NO rights or powers to deny my children learning opportunities at school.

Do not repeal the Education Act (Ethics) 2010 or all hell will break loose!