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

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I urge the committee to recommend against the repeal of the Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010. My children are given nothing to do during SRE class time. Others whose religious group is unable to offer classes are in the same position and may also welcome ethics classes. No-one is arguing SRE classes should be compulsory - that would be unacceptable to religious and non-religious citizens alike. If it were repealed, there would no longer be any requirement to offer ethics classes as an option for children not attending SRE classes and we would return to a situation in which children opting out of SRE are again given nothing meaningful to do, a situation unacceptable to me and thousands of parents, children and other members of the NSW community.