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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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To whom it may concern

I wish to protest the latest attempt by Rev Fred Nile to have the Ethics classes strangled by reviews and regulation.

The idiotic suggestion that these classes, run at almost zero cost to the taxpayers and staffed by enthusiastic volunteers, need a review of their effectiveness is laughable ... SRE classes have run for over a century without any assessment of how effective *they* have been in promoting ethical behavior ... Why target the new classes?

My child attends Jewish classes at ... Due to the small size of the school there are extremely limited choices when it comes to SRE so my son attends these classes even though he isn't Jewish - why? Because the only alternative is a rather extreme arm of the Anglican church or relatively unsupervised chaos in the assembly hall during SRE.

My suggestion review ALL SRE and ethics instruction with a view to banning them ALL in schools .. Or leave the classes alone and tell Barry O'Farrell to get together with Rev Nile and attend one of the Ethics classes

The shonky deal making over the hearts, minds and souls of kids is so unethical that it sounds like an ironic plot for an episode of Yes Minister.

Abandon this course of action NOW

Regards
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