

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Letter opposing same sex marriage

To whom it may Concern

I would like to register my opposition to same sex marriage for several reasons.

The gay thing has been pushed onto us in just about every part of society but please please please leave our marriage between a man & woman alone, it really is something sacred to Christians & general society, there seems to be a misconception that most of society thinks it's fine, whatever they want to do as long as it doesn't effect us (it does I'll get to that). BUT everyone I talk to who isn't gay is opposed to it (haven't had 1 positive or neutral opinion) & like myself they can't even imagine why they would want to take the Christian recognition of a union between a man & a woman into their relationship. Sure if they want a certificate of partnership or something but not marriage, marriage doesn't fit the bill.

There is indisputable evidence now that children who grow up in gay families do worse @ school, have a worse education, get lower paid jobs, are more likely to do drugs & have alcohol problems & not surprisingly have relationship problems (there's always exceptions but in general the research has shown this to be true).

In countries where they have legalised gay marriage, the marriage rate between normal couples goes down straight away, I guess if something as sacred as marriage is devalued why would people want it, again it has been shown children (overall) who grow up in a family where mum & dad are married will do best in society, better at school, better jobs, less likely to do drugs etc... So society in these countries is now worse off with more crime, drugs etc... (it's a fact), we have a chance to stop this, I think society while sometimes fantastic has gone down far enough without this just adding to the downward trend.

I do have gay friends & I do feel for them that they don't have a way to recognise their relationship but gay marriage ISN'T the answer. I also have friends who in their words have been healed of homosexuality & I think had they been married & not just in a relationship they may not have been able to get where they are today.

A friend who is an ex gay guy is now married with children, their children are a blessing they couldn't produce with someone they love in a gay marriage. he says it's the best part, being able to produce kids with someone you love. It's easy to say a child will be loved with 2 mums or 2 dads but has anyone thought about the child's response to having 2 dads but only 1 being his/her biological father & not knowing his/her mother or vice versa?

There is scientific & psychological evidence that children need the input & role modelling of a mum & a dad.

It might not be politically correct to put the protection of our children above 2 adults selfish wants but it's time to step up.

Thanks
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