

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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PLEASE PROTECT MARRIAGE FROM REDEFINITION.

Marriage is an important institution in our society. It provides the most stable environment for children. As a society we ought to do all we can to ensure we nurture the next generation.

I firmly believe we should preserve the definition of marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Same-sex relationships can never be a "marriage" in the full sense of the term.

If the legal term "marriage " included same-sex relationships, it creates a value-base which says that a mother and a father no longer matter in raising children.

Children could be raised without knowing their biological parents.

Marriage is a union of a man and a woman. As such it has existed across cultures, religions for milenia. As such it reflected the biological complementarity of the sexes.

Redefining marriage creates the presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within his or her biological family. This is a serious human rights issue for our most vulnerable.

If same-sex "marriage" were adopted, free speech, where people who object to same-sex relationships adopting or claiming the title marriage can be persecuted for their point of view.