

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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It has come to my attention that NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell has established a parliamentary inquiry to examine state-based same-sex marriage.

I would like to submit the following comments and urge all those involved to protect what marriage is and to protect the rights of future children.

Marriage existed before parliaments – the state has no business in redefining something that has naturally existed in almost all times and places.

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

Many children are not blessed in having both a mother and a father, but the state has no right to deliberately create a situation in which this would occur. As a teacher of children, seeing how social disadvantage impacts on children and leaves them vulnerable with many obstacles to climb, I find it terribly shocking that the idea of deliberately creating an environment where a child can be raised fatherless or motherless is being considered.

Men and women, whilst both having equally great importance in what they have to offer, are different in what they give to a child in raising a child. Both have something unique and special that the other can't provide.

It is of great concern that the redefining of marriage will lead to the suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Please use your position to do what is right for the future. Please protect marriage and the rights of the children of our future.