

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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to whom it may concern at social issues committee

I am expressing my personal opposition to any change in nSW to the Understanding of traditional marriage between a man and a woman, to one that also incorporates same sex marriage.

My reasons are that those who practice same sex marriage are a very small percentage of the population. while minorities are always worth listening to they should not be given any sort of equal status to normal biological male /female family. Indeed children could not get into the world without a mum and dad so its obviously the way to go also for the whole life of the child. While with divorce there are children who are being raised in one parent families but it is obvious and reeking with commonsense that a child best interest is to have both a mother and fathers input till they grow up. I am aware others can supplement the a lack with an extended family. but from my observation families become more divided and strained when people inside a traditional family embrace a deviant lifestyle.

I also believe they will if given this status legally then they will evangelise our younger children in schools that what is clearly normal is now wrong. Then to encourage their sad lifestyle as one worth considering. Confusion will reign. I recently had to talk to my grand daughter aged 14 who was being influenced and confused concerning traditional marriage values. She seemed happy to know my views and I feel I stabilised her by example(married to my wife 44years) and reason at what is a very impressionable age.

Change in definition of marriage to allow 2 of the same sex to raise children will I believe be as disadvantageous to a Childs development as single parent raising children today.Ie the child needs the input of a mother and father to grow up in the most healthy way.

This is clearly not a legal issue but a moral issue. How can you divorce the two?. Will you change the law in the future when there is a small number of people who want to have more than one wife?
How far will you go????

Please consider points above and get back to normal,serving all the people of NSW.

A referendum would solve this problem.

sincerely

Robert barr