

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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The relationship called "Marriage" throughout history has been protected by society as the ideal environment for the nurture of children. Modern research confirms the benefits that accrue to children when raised by a mother and a father; parents of each gender provide different but essential input into the development of a child.

Today, any legislation affecting marriage must have as its central concern the rights of children, and set as its definition of marriage, the ideal - for each child to be raised by their biological mother and father.

Donor conceived (DC) children, now adults, have formed Tangled Webs (<http://tangledwebsorg.wordpress.com/>) and believe that DC practices throughout the world contravene the rights of the child/adult who is created in these circumstances with significant moral, social & legal issues that have intergenerational consequences for the wider community. (Note that female-female couples have the option of DC, while male-male couples can only adopt.)

It would be naïve to believe that adopted children raised by same sex couples will not face similar crises of identity and not have irrevocable intergenerational consequences for the wider community.

This committee therefore faces a choice: to provide authentic marriage experiences for a vocal minority of adults, or align itself with the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child, which affirms that a child must in all circumstances be among the first to receive protection and relief, and be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation.