

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Sydney NSW 2000.

Same Sex Marriage

I strongly believe marriage is a federal, not state, issue under Australia's Constitution – so a NSW bill relating to marriage or “same sex marriage” would be invalid and unconstitutional.

Opinion polls with loaded or simplistic questions are not a reliable guide to public opinion. Only a referendum, where voters receive a booklet explaining both sides, can indicate their true views.

Mothers and fathers parent differently, and children need both approaches in order to develop a balanced identity. That is why marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman.

Please give these points careful consideration before any decision is made on this subject.

Yours faithfully
Peter & Joan Whiley