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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Members of Parliament,

As a married woman myself, I urge you not to redefine marriage. It is a freely entered into contract between a man and a woman for the ultimate purpose of providing a safe and secure environment for children. The nucleus of society, without which we perish.

Should you alter the definition because of a loud minority, whose arguments are based on flawed notions of justice and equality, then you are uprooting the very nucleus of society.

It is not an issue of equality at all. The same sex lobby, who are advocating this, are wanting something that they can simply never have. For example: you may wish to call champagne; milk. You can redefine it as much as you want, but it still will be champagne. And so it is with marriage. Why attack the definition which is solely meant for a union between a man and woman? I urge the same sex lobby, to call it something else. Not marriage.

You must also realize that many married people also believe that marriage is blessed by God. Should Parliament redefine marriage, and should it not agree with the definition posed especially in the monotheistic religions, you will isolate a great number of voters, simply for a loud minority.

Suppose then, along the same arguments which this loud lobby uses, polygamists demanded recognition? They too can argue: it is love, it is our right.

Suppose incestuous relationships cried the same thing? Where will it end? No, please leave the definition of marriage as it has stood for centuries. It is a contract, between a man and a woman.

Another reason to reflect upon this carefully is to ask; what happens to children, once you have redefined marriage? Do they too, become a "right"? Once same sex couples are "married", do they not also have a right to children? To adoption? And then, what about the children's rights?

Children ideally require good role models. Male and female role models are incredibly important to the child. The best situation is of course, a loving mother and a father. By allowing for marriage for same sex couples, you are also allowing for the rights of the child to be ignored. Already the rights of children are under threat. Children born through IVF have very little chance of finding their biological parents. Children simply used as a "good", a "chattel" that to which certain members of a society think they have a "right".

Rather than redefine marriage, assist the quiet majority of voters, who are married, to protect the longstanding, time tested definition of marriage. As a Parliament, which must speak for the good of all its citizens within its jurisdiction, I urge you to think of parents, and most of all, think of the children.