

**Submission
No 584**

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Social Issues Committee,
c/o Parliament House
Sydney, NSW, 2000

RE: Parliamentary Enquiry into 'Same Sex Marriage'.

Dear Social Issues Committee,

I am writing to let you know that I stand in opposition to the changing of the definition of marriage. The reason is, that if you change this fundamental building block of our society, you will damage the next generation's understanding of identity that is provided from a mother and father. This will have far-reaching societal consequences.

I also think it is confusing to the public that this bill, that was defeated in Federal Parliament, is now being debated in the state of NSW. The definition of marriage is part of the Constitution of Australia. Raising the possibility of changing the Constitution by a state-level bill undermines our submission to the Australian Constitution. Therefore I do not support this enquiry and see that this debate is not a responsible use of the time or expenses of NSW parliament.

In the Federal Parliamentary debate there were numerous questionnaires that were done by select groups of the community. The opinion polls were deceiving as to the support for 'redefinition of marriage'. The true preferences of the Australian public were clearly reflected by the voting preferences of federal parliamentarians. Please do not bow to the pressure of powerful lobbying groups who are attempting to use your parliamentary enquiry to further deceive the people of NSW to support this change.

Yours Sincerely

Neil Scott