

**Submission
No 1157**

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Thank you for the opportunity to lodge my opinion on the matter of same sex marriage.

I am NOT in support of same sex marriage.

I support the law as it stands in regards to marriage and I believe it should remain unchanged.

I hold this view because I believe marriage to be an institution created by the God of the Bible. In this institution a lifelong commitment is made between a man and a woman before God.

Genesis 2:24 - For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Matthew 19:4-6 - "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

The notion therefore that a homosexual couple may become married is therefore incongruous with the definition/nature of marriage as written in the Bible.

I believe everyone has the right to choose who their partner will be. If people choose to take a same sex partner, that is their choice and I respect their right to do that.

I am writing this submission with a view toward defending my world view and defending institutions created by the Christian faith that I hold from being hijacked by other world views.

I believe that if the law is changed to allow same sex marriage, then the whole meaning of marriage will change and, in my view, that change will be a corruption of marriage