

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Submission

Dear Committee Member,

I am writing to respectfully request that marriage be protected and defined in law as the 'union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others'.

Marriage is of critical importance to our society. It is perhaps the most important societal institution we have because it provides for the upbringing of children and is a foundation for strong, healthy families. Marriage ensures children have the best chance to have both a mum and a dad in their lives. Marriage also ensures the continuation of society and provides family stability for future generations. It provides a stable, nurturing relationship for both husband and wife, and for any children they bear, by reinforcing and disciplining human biology, in the interests of society. Marriage between a man and a woman is a unique relationship that simply cannot be replicated by any other relationship.

My concern is that the definition of Marriage will be reduced to simply: "being joined together in a close and permanent way"; "a close personal commitment" that is "intended to be permanent" and which is "spiritually significant".

If it were, it would apply to many different adult relationships, and nothing specifically of marriage, since each of us has profound friendships and some intense personal commitments. We are involved in a number of mutually supportive relationships, many of which, enhance social stability.

I am writing to respectfully request that you do everything possible to protect marriage from redefinition.