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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I wish to protest at the NSW State Government considering a Bill to redefine Marriage. I understand Marriage, as defined under our Australian Constitution, is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Only last year Federal Parliament rejected the notion of defining a same-sex partnership as a "marriage". This was a wise decision to uphold the institution of Marriage, as it has been recognised, throughout human history.

For thousands of years, throughout countless generations, across all cultures and in all countries "marriage" has always described the life union between a man and a woman. In this stable relationship, children are born to a mother and father who love, nurture, educate and provide for their needs until these offspring become adults.

Australian families have been, are and always will be, the building blocks of society. However, when Governments begin to undermine the family unit, values and morals within families disintegrate, and communities and society will suffer and eventually break down.

At present when any Australian resident researches their family tree, they can trace their family generations back using Births, Marriages and Death Registers to locate grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. Can any human in any country find same-sex parents or grandparents anywhere in their genealogy searches?? Of course not!! But what does the future hold, now that Governments in Australia have legislated for same-sex parenthood???

What appalling discrimination it is against those babies and children to allow a minority (5% of the population?) to become their same-sex "parents". What psychological damage will erupt in the future for those children who have been reared in an artificially engineered "family" - with two mothers or two fathers??

The definition of Marriage must continue to be recognised and maintained under the Constitution as the loving, sexual relationship between a man and a woman - a relationship in which children can grow up with a male and a female parent as their role models.

The small minority of people who choose to live in same-sex partnerships now have rights which are protected by law. However their rights should never discriminate against, or exceed the rights of the vast majority of Australian citizens to have a heterosexual relationship, which is universally defined and recognised as "a marriage"!