

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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For a practising Christian, marriage (between a man and a woman for life) is a gift from God, to be treasured and protected.

For the non-believer, marriage is fittingly an expression of the natural law which can be discerned in the heart of man and woman.

Marriage as traditionally defined provides the best family in which to conceive and bring up children.

Compassion should be shown to homosexuals who feel they cannot change their same-sex orientation and who for that reason seek to lead chaste single lives.

However, it gives a wrong message to older children and teenagers for the State to recognise homosexual marriages.

Active homosexual relations are simply morally wrong. While the State may choose not to criminalise that behaviour, the State clearly should not encourage such behaviour by giving it an air of respectability and by equating it to marriage as traditionally defined.

I urge the Parliament not to change the traditional definition of marriage.