

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Hi,

I'm a Christian and greatly concerned about the growing voices and pressure to legalise same-sex marriage.

To me, marriage is defined as a relationship between one man and one woman and holds significant value for me (and many other cultures/religions) and this should be respected.

I'm worried that same-sex marriage sets up a new family model that disregards the truth and benefits of the different roles a husband and wife play in raising a child.

Marriage for me is a deeply, emotional and precious issue for me. To have it redefined in this way would tarnish the sacred covenant and beauty it represents and be deeply offensive to the religious symbolism it holds.

Also I affirm these points:

- Marriage is the foundation of family, which in turn is the foundation of society.
- If marriage can be redefined to include two people of the same gender, why not three or more people?
- Marriage is deeply held by a large proportion of the population for cultural and religious reasons and this should be respected.
- Redefining marriage has potential serious consequences for religious freedom and freedom of conscience.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my thoughts and concerns.

Regards,