Submission No 916

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To whom this may concern,

My name is Robert Assaf, I am 17 yrs old, I attend Redfield College and am in my final year of school. The issue of Passing a same-sex marriage legislation worries me as:

Marriage as the union of a man and a woman has existed across cultures, religions and millennia, reflecting the biological complementary of the sexes.

Marriage existed before parliaments – the state has no business in redefining something that has naturally existed in almost all times and places.

Redefining marriage creates the presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family. This is a serious human rights issue for our most vulnerable.

Redefining marriage leads to the suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Marriage is a federal issue – the New South Wales parliament should not be attempting to redefine marriage.

Please Keep the definition of Marriage safe. It is an essential pillar of our society. Sincerely, Robert Assa