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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Marriage between a man and a woman has been around long before the NSW parliament, and will stand long after the NSW Parliament as it is today. The idea that marriage includes anything other than a man and a woman goes against Christian belief, and history through the ages.

Understandably we all wish for a country to 'advance' and be 'combined in courage' (see national anthem), but the question to be asked is: What about the young and free? What happens to the children? If marriage can be so freely redefined, then this allows for the redefining of child adoption, sperm/egg donations and custody concerning children. Are redefinitions always positive? I would suggest that in this case, changing proven definitions are not.

It is with biological awareness, not prejudice that the point should be acknowledged; sam-sex couples cannot produce children naturally. However many couples understandably wish to continue their legacy and raise children. Which leads to sperm donation, surrogacy and adoption to begin with, which leads us to ask, again; what about the children? Is it not their right to grow up in a family where they know their biological parents? Is it not their right, as an Australian, to know where and who they come from? Many same-sex couples may let their children have contact with biological parents, however just as many will not. Throughout history we have seen wars, deaths, separations, splits, divorces, suicides and alternative circumstance placing wedges between children knowing their biological parents, leading to the subjecting of children to life-long issues concerning identify, worth, confidence and value. Are we about to propose another highway directly to the above issues? Are we really ignoring the wellbeing of the future for some personal justification on sexual orientation right now?

Couldn't we just love God's people without having to make decisions that could potentially lead to misunderstanding and low self-esteem in children in the future?

This issue is not about the rights of gender or sexual orientation. This is about the generations. This is about the future of Australia.