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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Marriage, across all races and cultures has been between a man and a woman continuously since time began. It has been a natural strengthening part of human society over thousands of years.

The formal recognition over recent times that a minority of persons are not naturally heterosexual has been a positive in combating bigoted discrimination against such persons. The moral condemnation directed at persons genetically sexually attracted toward others of the same gender has been unfair and often cruel.

I applaud societal attitude and legislation changes which have come so far in breaking down such bigotry and intolerance.

HOWEVER, for the vast majority, nature made us heterosexual for good reason. Children can only come from a union between male and female. The child naturally will have both mother and father. While there are countless unfortunate circumstances where this may not eventuate there are many sound arguments to support the view that, ideally, children should have a mum and dad.

So, PLEASE leave the marriage act between male and female. The strident tirade from the homosexual lobby demanding absolute acceptance of all their lifestyle is an unbalanced wagging of the dog by the tail.

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