

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Hon.MP,

I write to you in regard to Marriage, Marriage is a word that defines & identifies the type of couple. Let it remain so.

Marriage the unique relationship between a man and a woman. Married couples may in time produce offspring, and consequently form the Natural Family and the children are able to identify and know their mother and father.

Subsection 5(1) of the Marriage Act 1961 defines marriage as '...the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.' This means it is legally available for two adults of the opposite gender.

Marriage describes, identifies and defines the man and a woman couple type. There is no discrimination in Australian society being empowered to use the word Marriage correctly to describe, identify and define the a man and a woman couple type.

Donot use the word Marriage to identify same-sex couples as well, this is incorrect, confusing, blurring the meaning of the word Marriage and not original. Same-sex couples need to come up with their own original word that correctly, accurately describes, identifies and defines their own type of couple relationship.

Changing legislation and bestowing the title Marriage upon all couples through ceremony dose not make couples live together in peace and harmony nor dose it make a man and a woman couple equal to a same-sex couple....Why? because a man and a woman couple are biologically different and all men already have equal value.

Society needs to be able to differentiate couples, without feeling it is discriminating. Those who want to confuse the meaning of marriage need to understand that different is alright.

Someone please tell same-sex couples & everyone, different is alright, Let same-sex couples be joined together in Civil Unions, to the excluding all others.

Leaving Marriage to the man and a woman couple, who through their union may produce offspring and form the Natural Family, where children are best nurtured and raised, in relationship with their genetic father and mother.

Removing disadvantage against same-sex couples is exactly what the Federal Parliament achieved in 2008. Over 80 pieces of legislation were amended with bipartisan support, which removed disadvantage on practical matters like superannuation and next-of-kin status.

Changing the definition of Marriage is not for the Government to do.

Introducing legislation to recognize same-sex relationships as marriage is a fundamental shift away from the concept of the Natural Family - of a mother and a father raising children.

If government were to legislate for same-sex marriage it is creating a value based law that says a mum and a dad no longer matter in raising children.

The presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family which means we could expect more children to be raised without knowing their biological parents.

If legislation were introduced to redefine marriage for same sex couples then other relationships could also argue for their relationship to be recognized in law.

Where same-sex marriage has been legalized freedom of speech and freedom of religion have been suppressed. Because the revision of marriage is done in the name of equality, disagreeing with the states new definition is seen as perpetuating inequality against a minority group.

Words have meaning and changing the meaning of a word to please a minority of the population is not progress nor dose it achieve equality.

Married couples and same-sex couples are already equal yet biologically different, identifying the different couples types correctly in legislation is not discrimination. It is the way forward.

Let (Subsection 5(1) of the Marriage Act 1961 define marriage as "...the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life." This means it is legally available for two adults of the opposite gender) remain, unchanged.

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.

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