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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Marriage is a federal, not a state issue under Australia's Constitution. So any NSW bill relating to marriage or "same sex marriage" would be invalid and unconstitutional.

Opinion polls with simplistic or loaded questions are not a reliable guide to public opinion. A referendum, where voters receive a booklet in advance, explaining both sides and are then able to make a decision as to their true views, is the only way for a decision to be made.

Marriage has always been between a man & a woman. What two people of the same sex have, could never be described as a marriage. It is a perverted arrangement and quite unacceptable to decent people. Same sex couples are a minority group and their arrangement should never have been accepted. To allow same sex couples to marry would destroy the meaning of marriage as we know it.

Yours Sincerely,
Merle Passmore