INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly:

Submission re: changing the definition of marriage

To redefine marriage to include same sex couples, is to redefine a relationship that is primarily and has always been about difference, IE the unique relationship between one man and one woman, and to redefine it destroys its very uniqueness by disdaining the idea of difference and branding it as somehow "discriminatory", which it is not.

This is just the first step on the journey to destroy the meaning of marriage completely. If marriage can be redefined to include two people of the same gender, why not three or more people? Why not widen it so we can have "equality" marry animals! Amazingly, I have seen this suggestion seriously mooted!

Where does it stop? Only when marriage has been reduced to having no meaning or relevance.

Marriage is the foundation of family, which in turn is the foundation of society. J.D. Unwin showed in his book "Sex and Society", studying over 17 previous civilisations, that when the family unit (man and woman with children) broke down, the civilisation ceased to exist within 2 generations. Do you want this? I don't.

Despite platitudinous reassurances that Ministers of religion will not be forced to perform same sex marriages, this has not been the case in other countries, and in the UK, ministers have been vilified and prosecuted under "sex discrimination" acts for following the conviction of their beliefs and refusing to marry homosexual couples. This strikes at the very heart of religious freedom and freedom of conscience, because it then becomes a "crime" to do what you know is right, simply because leaders have failed in their responsibility to show strength and leadership and to demonstrate a sense of what is right, and instead have bowed to the idol of political "correctness".

Worst of all, children seem to be completely ignored in this insane rush for sameness. Research has shown time and again that a child with a married, biological mother and father does best.

It is blatantly obvious that same-sex couples can't have children, so if they "want" children, then they either have to adopt them, or have sex outside the marriage, which then cheapens the commitment and fidelity of marriage and turns children into commodities.

In every respect, this attempt to re-define marriage is sick and wrong, and creates a huge web of problems.

The negative effect that this un-natural and perverse same-sex parenting may have on the children in later years can only be imagined.

In the name of common sense and decency, for the future of our children and our society, please make your vote count against any re-definition of marriage.