

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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I strongly oppose same sex marriage.

I believe that marriage acknowledges the life long commitment of a man and a woman to be united together. This encourages the stable family structure to give birth to children to be raised to responsible adulthood.

Father and mother have different roles in a family and children need both in order to develop a balanced identity. That is why marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman.

Also, marriage is a federal issue under Australia's Constitution. It is not a state issue. Therefore a NSW bill relating to marriage or "same sex marriage" would be unconstitutional and inappropriate.

Different state marriage laws would lead to confusion and uncertainty. Marriage issues should be decided for the whole of Australia in the federal parliament.