

**Submission  
No 469**

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

**Name:** Ms Jennifer Berry

**Date received:** 9/02/2013

---

## **Here we go again**

To Whom It Concerns,

I don't know why yet again we are facing pressure from the gay community to change a sacred tradition which is not open to censorship by human beings. Should we force religious institutions to violate their own beliefs for people who do not share these beliefs so they can have a piece of paper which statistics on the longevity of gay relationships would indicate have a high probability of being dissolved by courts later anyway? Do we really want to fill courts with gay divorces as well?

How will children raised in a gay marriage arrangement learn to relate to both male and females appropriately if they are raised only by one gender through those fragile and crucial formative years? Who knows exactly what problems a person may develop by this fundamentally lop-sided arrangement?

I feel very strongly that marriage is a sacred union, and there is no faith that recognises homosexual relationships as a "family". Also since the relationship could not of its own accord produce children why is it fair to force children either adopted or technological produced using at least one parent who isn't ever going to be a part of that child's home to endure living in this situation.

It is a choice for the parents but not for the child.

Marriage is something instituted by God and He made us both male and females to reveal to us Himself in two parts united in a family. Can any law make it not so? And should any law attempt to do so?

I care about gay people. But I do not suppose that gives them the right to be married and turn ancient truths on their head. I am not at all sure why gays who largely reject anything that comes from the church want to be able to be united in what is largely a religious occasion. It seems vindictive to both spurn the main beliefs of the church yet on the other hand want to be able to take part in its sacred ceremonies.

I am frankly bewildered why this keeps coming up and when you get down to it what proportion of the community is gay? Is it 10%? Is it less? I think it is wrong to change the definition of what it means to be married because such a small percentage of the community has a sexual aversion to the opposite sex.

I am pretty sure I have raised all these points before and I think you will do untold damage to the community by such a law and I formally wash my hands of it. Isn't society enough of a mess without further reducing the sanctity of the family which is based on ancient truth? I urge all who are involved with this legislation to think very seriously about the possible implications of this legislation. God has set human beings up a certain way. Woe to you and to us all if you think you can harmlessly change it. There will be consequences and they won't be beneficial to the human race.

Yours Sincerely

Jennifer Berry