

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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The purpose of a marriage is a freely given sexual contract between a man and a woman conveying conjugal rights and providing a stable framework for children who may be the issue of the marriage. It provides role models of both male and female for children of either sex. Our society and cultural institutions give this relationship the sanction of law providing benefits and obligations to both parties and to children of the union.

Children are the primary consideration as they are the potential result of a marriage between a man and woman and children need both intimate role models for healthy physical and social development.

The obvious misuse of our human sexual apparatus both physical and social because of a quick of nature or choice is not of itself a reason to diminish the value of Marriage by expanding its definition.

Giving lawful sanction to same sex unions by redefining the law to include these as marriages is not going to change heterosexual community responses to visible homosexual relations. If that is so I fear that there will be resulting persecution of heterosexuals who don't want their child's sexual development influenced by homosexual role models.

The difficulty in my mind with this issue as it relates to same sex unions is that the combination of great talent, responsibility and so on in an individual that would be laudable is also accompanied by the example of a union where the couple's sexual apparatus is misused but given sanction as if it had the same legal and meritorious status as heterosexual unions.

For reasons such as this I consider marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman.