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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Allowing gay marriage will not destroy or affect society in any way except by allowing two people of the same sex to be recognised as married.

Marriage is no longer a religious institution, as we have no test of religiosity for people who seek marriage, and it can occur legally without any religious intervention. Thus, any religion based arguments against it are moot.

Procreation is not the purpose of marriage, as people can both procreate outside of marriage, and be married without procreation.

The only purpose to marriage is to legally bind two people to each other for the purposes of tax and legal benefits. The two people in question do not even have to love each other, as there is no test for this in the system.

Imbuing marriage with sentiment or intent only serves to confuse the issue. Marriage should be for anyone who chooses to be bound to another.