

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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While same-sex relationships may be a significant private relationship, to be treated with neighbourly respect by all, they cannot give rise to children, so are of no institutional importance to society

It is through children alone that sexual relations become of importance to society, and worthy to be taken cognizance of by a legal institution.

If intimate sexual relations did not have the momentous consequence of creating a child who needs stable care over prolonged periods, there would be no incentive for a legal institution of 'marriage' as society does not involve itself in the regulation of friendships. Society would mind its own business.

Marriage within society is all about gender. Society would cease to exist without the procreation of children, and intimate sexual relations can indeed create a child who needs stable care over a prolonged period.

Therefore, society encourages the strength, health and longevity of such relationships