

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I hereby submit my opposition to the NSW bill relating to "Same Sex Marriage" on the following grounds:

- there should be a referendum held, rather than random opinion polls, before a bill of such incredible consequence should even be put on the table;
- marriage is not just about love for another person; through the ages it has also been about procreating as well as providing every child born of this union a clear relationship with a mother (female) and father (male); same sex couples will inevitably go to the step of adopting/fostering children, and we currently do not have enough evidence to say that this will have no or negligible consequences on raising children - therefore why launch into an irreversible 'social experiment'?
- Only a mother and a father can develop a balanced identity in a developing child;
- in line with my point on the need for a referendum, marriage issues should be decided on in federal parliament for the whole of Australia, not state by state.