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## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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## To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to voice my opposition to changing the definition of marriage.

- Marriage is a unique relationship between one man and one woman.
- Marriage is the foundation of family, which in turn is the foundation of society.
- If marriage can be redefined to include two people of the same gender, why not three or more people?
- Marriage is deeply valued by a large proportion of the population for cultural and religious reasons and this should be respected.
- Redefining marriage has potential serious consequences for religious freedom and freedom of conscience.
- Same-sex marriage sets up a new family model that trashes the truth that gender is vital to a child in family formation.
- Research shows that a child with married, biological mother and father do best.
- Children should be given the chance to start life with both their biological parents.

Thanks for your consideration of my views.