

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I disagree with redefining marriage for the reasons listed below: Most people would agree that children raised by a single mother do not do as well in many areas as those raised by a man and a woman. The obvious reason is that both man and woman have something unique to offer to those children. When one is missing the children do not grow up to be emotionally and spiritually mature. Come to the area I live where there is an abundance of single mothers and you will see youth with many behavioural and learning difficulties. For this reason I believe children need a man and a woman who love and nurture them to be whole and happy individuals. My other reasons include: Marriage as the union of a man and a woman has existed across cultures, religions and millennia, reflecting the biological complementary of the sexes. Marriage existed before parliaments – the state has no business in redefining something that has naturally existed in almost all times and places. Redefining marriage creates the presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family. This is a serious human rights issue for our most vulnerable. Redefining marriage leads to the suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion. Marriage is a federal issue – the New South Wales parliament should not be attempting to redefine marriage.