

## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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To whom it may concern,

I oppose the proposed NSW bill to legalise same sex marriage.

Because the marriage act is an issue under the federal Australian Constitution, a NSW bill relating to marriage or "same sex marriage", would be invalid and unconstitutional.  
This should be dealt with and decided for the whole of Australia in the federal parliament.

The best way to gain a correct public opinion is to hold a referendum where voters in all of Australia receive a booklet explaining a balanced & true view of both sides.

There are many very important reasons why a "same sex marriage bill" should not be passed but one valid reason is that mothers & fathers parent children differently and children need both approaches in order to develop a balanced identity and ability to make a valuable contribution to society.

Regards,

*Merian Richardson*