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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Hello

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding the proposed NSW bill to legalise same sex marriage. As a parent and grandparent, it greatly concerns me that the NSW government might consider giving in to a minority group even though the majority of people do not believe in same sex relationships – yes, I did say the majority do not believe in same sex relationships, however, a lot of people are worried about appearing to be intolerant if they do not agree to the demands of some minority groups. Deep down, most people know and believe that it is not natural to have a same-sex relationship and that bringing marriage and children into such relationships is not in the best interests of the children. I even heard a gay man say recently that his own children had been badly affected by his relationship with his male partner and because of that he has openly said that it is selfish for gay couples to consider raising children together when the children really need a male and a female parent. Mothers and fathers parent differently.

Please know that I do not hate gay people but believe that at some stage during their lives, they might have chosen a different path if given the right help and advice.

The only way you will be able to get a true reflection of how the Australian people feel about same-sex marriage is not by polls which can be misleading but by holding a federal referendum. Voters need to receive information, prior to a referendum, to explain both sides. After all marriage is a federal, not state, issue under Australia's Constitution – so a NSW bill relating to marriage or "same sex marriage" would be invalid and unconstitutional.

Please do not allow common sense to be swayed by the request of a minority group. Thank you.

Regards