

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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

The Little Macquarie Dictionary defines marriage as: "The legal union of a man and a woman".

This has been the foundation of the family and society for thousands of years.

It has worked successfully in producing, loving and training children in the family environment with a father and a mother.

Same sex couples are obviously incapable of producing children without the assistance of others, even if they wanted to have children. If they did have any children, these children would, at best, have one parent who had a 50% participation in their formation and another of the same sex who had no participation.

Marriage is deeply held by a large proportion of the population for cultural and religious reasons and this should be respected.

There is no law against people of the same sex living together or being friends, therefore there is no reason to legalise a situation which is not illegal.

I am happily married with 3 adult children all of whom are married and have their own families. In each of these families, including my own, I have been aware of the value to the children of growing up in homes with a mother and a father. The differences in the approach to various situations by male and female parents has given the children a balanced view of life which is a good foundation for family and continuing society.

Research has shown that a child with married biological father and mother will do better in life than those who do not have this advantage.

This is too serious a question to be decided by parliament. It is a question which would be best decided by a nation-wide poll, if it is considered that the subject should be pursued at all.