

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Premier Barry O'Farrell
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By whose right does the NSW Government decide to take on a subject that is the right of the Federal Government. Marriage and related topics are a federal matter and therefore a NSW bill relating to this subject would be invalid and unconstitutional. Not to mention the confusion that would abound if the laws on marriage differed from state to state.

Marriage is the commitment of a Man and a Woman which provides a stable atmosphere for the raising of children to responsible adulthood. Mums and dads parent differently and both approaches are necessary to provide a balanced identity. Its not always perfect, we are only human, but over centuries the family unit of a mum, dad and children has provided the best basis for social stability.

It is often proved that opinion polls are not a reliable guide to public feeling. The only way to get the feeling of all Australians is to hold a referendum. A booklet with information for both sides should be provided and then a decision voted for by an informed population.

Regards,
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