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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To quote Australian human rights lawyer Frank Brennan AO, former Chairman of the National Human Rights Consultative Committee & an expert on discrimination: "In considering whether to advocate a change to the definition of marriage, citizens need to consider not only the right of same sex couples to equality but even more so the rights of future children. I think we can ensure non-discrimination against same sex couples while at the same time maintaining a commitment to children of future generations being born of and being reared by a father and a mother. To date, international human rights law has appreciated this rational distinction." In other words, since relationships between two people of the same sex, and two people of opposite sex, are inherently different, there is no need to call them the same thing. Both can exist without one having to threaten the other.