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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I have been notified that the NSW Government Social Issues Committee will be debating the matter of same sex unions.

While advocates of same sex marriage are very vocal in expressing their "rights", freedom of speech makes it equally clear that those who understand the relationship between male and female, leading into marriage as being quite different to same sex relationships

I am opposing the redefinition by law as it applies to the word **Marriage**".

To claim that a mutual union between two males, or two females is equal to the union between male and female, and calling both relationships as "marriage" is wrong.

There are many expressions of the word "Love" and each is some form of affection and respect to another person, or object.

A mother "Loves" her children, Children may love one of their pets, brothers and sisters have respect and a type of love for each other, When male and female develop a relationship that is another type of love. When male to male, or female to female relationships are formed this too is another type of love.

A romantic relationship between a male and a female leading to marriage and a loving sexual relationship, resulting in children and a homogenous family circle is unique. Under these conditions the word Marriage is appropriate. It is a clear definition of that relationship. Biblical and Historical definitions support this statement.

Same sex unions have a relationship of their own. Being of the same sex makes it quite different from the term, Marriage.

Procreation by same sex partners requires sperm or ova from a third party and is a distinct variation from the Male/female/family definition of marriage.

Laws can provide legal means of definition. Under no circumstances should 'same sex unions' be called Marriage

Please support my view when the matter of same sex marriage is debated in Parliament.

Yours faithfully

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