

The Convener

Social Issues Committee

I wish to make the following points about the proposal to recognise same-sex "marriage".

- 1) It would fundamentally alter the meaning of "marriage", which has always been the union of one man to one woman, for the purpose of procreation and raising children with a father and a mother. Companionship is always possible outside marriage, and does not need legal protection. Children do need it, to attain mature adulthood.
- 2) There is no "equality" for children who are deprived of one or other biological parent. They may be so deprived for other reasons, which are always regrettable. To deprive them deliberately for one's selfish satisfaction is inexcusable.
- 3) For the sake of our nation, homosexuals & all others need to know that same-sex attraction can be treated and healthy relationships can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

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