

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To the Committee examining the issue of same-sex marriage

I am speaking against changing existing laws. Trying to redefine something as universal and ancient as marriage (and so fundamental to the social health of our society) is essentially social engineering. Those that profess to be homosexual in our society number no more than 1.5% to 25 of the population, and though the relationships they enter into may be long lasting and mutually beneficial in many ways, these arrangements should not be called marriage. In any case, existing legislation provides more than adequate protection for the rights of these people and de-institutionalises discrimination against them. You will find if you research this matter properly that the issue of same-sex 'marriage' isn't even in the top ten concerns listed by the majority of practising homosexuals, but that it is in fact an issue that has been pushed repeatedly by a very vocal gay lobby. And the fact that one or two jurisdictions overseas have moved in this direction in recent years should have no bearing on the decisions we make as Australians for Australians.

I urge you to reject any move to bring about a change with such far-reaching consequences for our society in general. It isn't necessary.

Sincerely