

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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As a Christian I believe God made a man to be with one wife 'till death do them part,' but you know that, don't you? God gave sex as a blessing within marriage but also as the means for introducing children into their already existing family unit. So why change what has always been the way of life since the beginning?

By changing the definition of marriage, it automatically changes the definition of family and why- to keep people happy. If people want to engage in same-sex relationships there is nothing actually stopping that choice, but I don't get why they want to be considered 'normal' when they know they can't actually perform the duties of a married couple or take the true role of a mother AND father.

Why change the sacred nature of marriage/family and therefore the security it brings to the nurturing of children within that unit, when the decision is just based on keeping homosexuals happy.

There are plenty of things in life that are not 'fair' and if we try and change everything for the sake of 'happiness', society is just going to fall more into chaos... you only have to look at the issue of child discipline to see a similar problem.

Our children need stable and healthy family environments in which they can learn to make the right decisions in life about their identity and rights and that includes the right to be raised with a mother AND father.

Parents are those with the most influence over their children and the Parliament has no right to intervene in changing marriage and therefore family.

Whilst Australia is increasingly individualistic and forever asking 'what's in it for me', maybe it's time we look at the consequences for our state and country if everyone could choose whatever they wanted whenever they wanted. The reality is, people need boundaries whether we like it or not- and that not for the sake of the individual but perhaps to prevent anarchy, higher suicide rates and depression because 'I'm not happy and I didn't get what I want'.

Marriage and family goes beyond any one religion or viewpoint, it is the nature of life which cannot and should not be up for debate. And whilst it appears that making one group happy will solve problems, it's actually taking away the rights and freedom of speech and religion from everyone else, because we therefore wouldn't be able to disagree.

If homosexuals want to feel happy and accepted maybe they need to just accept their differences or call homosexual-couple 'marriage' contracts something altogether different, but should this lead to children losing their rights to having a mother and father- that certainly draws the line!

Who are we- parliament or individuals to change what God ordained. Let's pray Jesus comes back before such a decision is ever made