

**Submission  
No 557**

## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my opinions, via this submission, of the proposal for Same Sex Marriage.

1. Marriage recognises the committed union of a man and a woman to encourage the stable social context needed for resulting children to be raised to responsible adulthood.
2. I thought that Marriage is a federal issue under the Australian Constitution, not a state issue, therefore invalid and unconstitutional as a NSW Bill.
3. Differing laws from different states would lead to confusion and should be decided by the whole of Australia.
4. Loaded or simplistic questions in an opinion poll are not a reliable guide to public opinion. Getting a booklet with explanations of both sides at a referendum would indicate true views.
5. Fathers and Mothers parent differently and children need both approaches in order to develop a balanced identity. That is why marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman.
6. Two men or two women cannot produce a child of the union, or bring up a child with both mum and dad role models.

Regards,  
David Long