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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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marriage is only between a man and a woman there is no other way

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to voice my opposition to changing the definition of marriage.

- *Marriage is a unique relationship between one man and one woman.*
- *Marriage is the foundation of family, which in turn is the foundation of society.*
- *If marriage can be redefined to include two people of the same gender, why not three or more people?*
- *Marriage is deeply valued by a large proportion of the population for cultural and religious reasons and this should be respected.*
- *Redefining marriage has potential serious consequences for religious freedom and freedom of conscience.*
- *Same-sex marriage sets up a new family model that trashes the truth that gender is vital to a child in family formation.*
- *Research shows that a child with married, biological mother and father do best.*
- *Children should be given the chance to start life with both their biological parents.*

- *By equating any and all types of relationships with marriage, we effectively abolish both the idea and the meaning of marriage.*
- *The same arguments used to justify same-sex marriages can be used to justify polygamy, incest, bestiality, group sex, and so on. Once the fundamental idea of marriage as one man and one woman is tossed out, any and all types of sexual activity become permissible.*
- *Homosexuals comprise a very small portion of Australian society, and homosexuals who want to marry make up an even smaller number.*
- *The real aim of campaigning for same-sex marriage is the symbolic approval and social recognition of the homosexual lifestyle.*
- *Most homosexuals admit that their understanding of marriage differs from the normal heterosexual understanding, with the willingness to allow extra-marital sexual outlets.*

Children have a biological birthright to a Mother and a Father - Homosexual Marriage would deprive them of that right.

- *It is abundantly clear from the social science research that children are best served when raised with their biological mother and father.*
- *For the best outcomes for children, no other parenting combination comes close to that of the mother-father union cemented by marriage.*
- *No one has a "right" to children.*
- *Every child has a right to a mother and a father.*
- *A child needs a father, not just "male role models".*
- *A child needs a mother, not just "female role models".*
- *A child needs to see how men and women interact and relate to each other on a daily basis.*
- *Long-term homosexual relationships tend to be very rare.*
- *In contrast, heterosexual relationships have a much better record of permanency.*
- *Most homosexual relationships allow for other partners and/or other sexual outlets.*
- *In contrast, heterosexual relationships involve fewer outside partners and fewer outside sexual contacts.*
- *The fact that heterosexual relationships may not always last, or may not always be faithful, does not mean we should further harm our children by including homosexual couples. Two wrongs do not make a right.*
- *Studies purporting to show that children do OK when raised by same-sex parents have been criticised for many methodological shortcomings.*
- *Studies also exist showing the harm children experience when raised in same-sex households.*
- *These studies also show that children raised in same-sex households are more likely to become homosexual themselves.*
- *The rights of children should always come ahead of the desires and whims of adults.*
- *Children should not be treated as guinea pigs in grand social experiments.*
- *The family unit of mother-father-child has been the norm throughout human history and should not be jettisoned by radical alternatives.*

- *For the sake of our children, we should reject homosexual marriage.*
- *I would like to add my comment to the debate about marriage. Marriage is between one man and one woman, this is what God has instituted through his word.*

- *Boys need fathers to teach them how to become men and how to be a father, the same for women they need to teach girls to become women and mothers. This is also the only way that communities can become stable or have stability when there is respect for the opposite sex and nuclear families.*

Thanks for your consideration of my views.

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