

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Premier,

Please respectfully consider the following before the NSW inquiry:

I am against same sex marriage for a number of reasons but here are just a few:

1. Marriage currently recognises the committed union of a man and a woman.
2. Same sex couples cannot produce a child from this union that is biologically theirs. They cannot procreate.
3. Jesus states in the Bible:

He said (Matthew 19: 4-5): "Haven't you read that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"

4. Our country was founded on the Christian principles of "Mother" England. We should not deviate from this practice because of pressure from groups who seek to marginalise our Christian heritage and change what a "marriage" actually is.

Multi-Culturalism and being "politically correct" should not be at the expense of our own heritage.

The government could ensure all benefits and entitlements are the same for same sex couples as married couples, in the same way de-facto relationships are recognised. This can be accomplished without changing the foundations of marriage, which is a union, under God.

I see know reason why there cannot be a civil ceremony designed for same sex couples, should they wish to make a commitment to one another but it should not be called "marriage" or under the same umbrella as one with the same context & processes. Marriage is more than just love. Why does this have to be a trade off?

Kerrie Barnett