

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

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Dear Mr O'Farrell,

I am contacting you to voice my opposition to same sex marriage. Marriage (as it stands today) in Australia recognises the commitment made by a man and a woman to each other and ideally provides a stable foundation for the raising of children. Children, deserve a mother and a father, this is a basic human right –to *intentionally* deny any child either parent is in my view a violation of that child's right. We seem to be overlooking this point of late.

This debate has been dragged on and unfortunately the media has repeatedly voiced one side, it is worth noting however that despite this one sided bombardment opposition remains firm.

As Premier you will be aware that the Marriage Act is legislation that falls under Federal jurisdiction and I feel that the States are only adding to the confusion by weighing into the debate – this time would be better spent ensuring children have the right to a mother and a father where ever possible.

Lastly, you would no doubt be aware that opinion polls change and are not always a reliable gauge of public opinion. Also opinion polls can be loaded with misleading or simplistic questions – thus only a referendum, where voters receive a booklet explaining both sides *accurately*, can indicate their true views.

With respect,

Leonie Graham