

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Mr O'Farrell,

I am emailing you to express my opposition to same sex marriage.

Marriage in Australia has been defined as being between a man and a woman and has provided a foundational unit for the upbringing of children. It is my opinion that all children, where ever possible have the right to a mother and a father; this is a point that seems to be missing from this debate.

As you will be aware this debate has been dragged on and on, and the majority of the media coverage has voice to only one side of the argument, yet it is worth noting that opposition for this proposed change remains strong. I must add that any State government taking up this debate is adding to the confusion as marriage is a Federal responsibility.

Lastly, as you are no doubt aware opinion polls are not reliable gauges of public opinion and depending on the setup have the possibility of being slanted or containing simplistic questions that do not address the issue clearly. Therefore a referendum, where voters receive a booklet explaining *both sides clearly*, can indicate their true views.

With respect,