

Submission  
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## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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NB Please keep my submission partially confidential, thank you.

To whom it may concern,

**re : my submission which opposes Same Sex Marriage**

Marriage is a physical, emotional and spiritual union designed by God to be between a man and a woman. It is the uttermost holy union of the male and female gender, and the fundamental core of identity in a family, existing since the beginning of creation. It is not just a relationship, or even a committed relationship, nor simply a lifestyle choice, between 2 people. It is defined by gender, male and female. It is God given. It is the highest order relationship (between a man and woman) that forms the basis of our society, other than an individual's personal spiritual relationship with God.

Currently in our democracy there is freedom for same sex and unusual sex combination relationships (although I do not personally endorse), but they can never ever be the same as a marriage and all that a God given marriage implies and represents, no matter how hard they try and would like it to be so or try to convince themselves or others as potentially being so.

In this inquiry there would no doubt again be the attempt to draw focus to commitment as the sole important principle that defines a marriage, but the reality is that same sex unions can never ever be the same as marriage, nor all that a God given marriage implies and represents. To only extract the

important aspect of commitment from marriage and apply it to any relationship type would simply be a dilution, a lie and delusion, ignoring and degrading the truth of the obvious differences.

To consider legalising same sex marriage could open up a never ending pathway of destruction to our society, including truth, family, gender, holiness, and children who are our future generation and our responsibility to protect. Children have a right to a mother and father (though often don't have a voice or choice in the matter) for a balanced identity, hence the need for marriage between a male and female.

A government's responsibility should be to legally protect the reality of the truth of difference between true marriage and other types of relationships, to preserve and highly value true marriage from our Christian heritage as the fundamental component of family in NSW and Australia.

Any such lack of diligence could greatly undermine the freedom of heterosexual families whether legally and/or socially. It could also lead to an increase in marginalisation and discrimination especially regarding religions and churches including Christianity that do not endorse same sex marriage etc.

Furthermore, marriage is a federal issue and so a NSW bill would be invalid and unconstitutional.

Yours sincerely,