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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I have been blessed to have had a married father and mother and doubly blessed to have had a husband who was a splendid father to our children. My husband and I shared in and have known much joy in the raising of our children (his and mine). This is the natural and God-ordained process for subsequent generations. Where possible, this is the ideal, and even when because of circumstances, a lone parent is bringing up the child/children, there is usually a close relative of the opposite sex to help in providing a balance.

There is an inordinate amount of media publicity to promote and encourage the population to accept "Same sex marriage" as the norm because these men and women "love each other" and "they should not be discriminated against". However, if a Referendum were to be called, with papers clearly defining both attitudes, many who do not have the ear of the public would be able to cast their vote without media pressure.

Please seriously consider the many ramifications if such a bill were to be passed in the NSW Parliament when "marriage" is a Federal issue under the Constitution.