

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I support the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act as the union of one man and one woman. I ask that you vote to retain this definition in parliament.

Clearly, by definition, 'marriage' between two same sex people is a misnomer. And considering the inherent child bearing ramifications of the institution, it is against the natural order, evidenced by, among other things, the fact that children can only be conceived naturally by opposite sex parents, who's complimentary relationship is the ideal base for providing an appropriate & balanced upbringing for them. Same-sex marriage also means solidifying the idea that children can have one of their biological parents forcibly excluded from their life before birth. This is not a matter of conscience; it is the duty of Government to always act in the best interest of a child who is voiceless in this decision.

While I am not necessarily against legalizing same sex 'unions' for the benefit of their legal ramifications, I believe doing so for 'marriage' (again, considering the inherent sexual & moral ramifications of the institution), will only serve to encourage people to think that unnatural sexual relations are OK - even within the context of 'marriage'.

I am also concerned about how free I will be in the future to speak about and teach man-woman marriage to my children should the law of the land uphold a different definition, and also the effect such a law might have on people's individual freedom if it meant that, as opposed to current law, marriage celebrants were compelled to marry anyone who asks them to do so.