

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to express my opposition to changing the definition of marriage and in particular the proposed legislation introduced to federal parliament regarding same sex marriage.

It is my firm view that:

- Marriage is a unique relationship between one man and one woman which is designed for the best interests of the man, the woman and their children.
- Marriage is the foundation of family, which in turn is the foundation of society. How quickly we forget the stability we have enjoyed living in a society based upon and supported by this unique and enduring pillar.
- If marriage can be redefined to include two people of the same gender, why not three or more people? The definition of marriage must remain uniquely centered on the intermit relationship between a man and a woman.
- Marriage is deeply valued by a large proportion of the population for cultural and religious reasons and this should be respected.
- Redefining marriage has potential serious consequences for religious freedom and freedom of conscience. Those who support natural marriage have been insulted, offended and persecuted in an attempt to shut down open debate on this matter.
- Same-sex marriage sets up a new family model trashing the truth that gender is vital to a child in family formation. Research shows that a child with married, biological mother and father do best. It is a gender specific union maximising the welfare of children and culminating in a stable society. Institutions delivering such outcomes should be encouraged and protected.
- Homosexual marriage denies the created order and the biological reality that child bearing demands the union of a man and woman. Children should be given the chance to start life with both their biological parents. Homosexual marriage denies children the right to both a mother and a father.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

David Cox