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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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- Marriage as the union of a man and a woman has existed across cultures, religions and millennia, reflecting the biological complementarity of the sexes.
- Marriage existed before parliaments – the state has no business in redefining something that has naturally existed in almost all times and places.
- Redefining marriage creates the presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family. This is a serious human rights issue for our most vulnerable.
- Redefining marriage leads to the suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.
- Marriage is a federal issue – the New South Wales parliament should not be attempting to redefine marriage.

Same-sex marriage suppresses free speech whereby people who object to same-sex relationships taking the term 'marriage' can be persecuted for this view. Where same-sex marriage has been legalised, parents have also found that their child is being taught about homosexuality without their consent.

Introducing legislation to recognise same-sex relationships as marriage is a fundamental shift away from the concept of family – of a mother and a father raising children. If government were to legislate for same-sex marriage it is creating a value-based law that says a mum and a dad no longer matter in raising children. The presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family means we could expect more children to be raised without knowing their biological parents. If legislation were introduced to redefine marriage for same-sex couples then other relationships could also argue for their relationship to be recognised in law.