

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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NSW inquiry on 'same sex marriage'

I strongly against the proposed NSW bill to legalise “same sex marriage”, reasons being :

- 1) Marriage is a federal, not state, issue under Australia’s Constitution – so a NSW bill relating to marriage or “same sex marriage” would be invalid and unconstitutional.
- 2) Different state marriage laws would lead to confusion and uncertainty. Marriage issues should be decided for the whole of Australia in the federal parliament.
- 3) Opinion polls with loaded or simplistic questions are not a reliable guide to public opinion. Only a referendum, where voters receive a booklet explaining both sides, can indicate their true views.
- 4) Marriage recognises the committed union of a man and a woman to encourage the stable social context needed for resulting children to be raised to responsible adulthood.
- 5) Mothers and fathers parent differently, and children need both approaches in order to develop a balanced identity. That is why marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman.

Yours sincerely,

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