

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Different countries have different definitions of marriage. Most of Asia, Africa and the Middle East have strong traditions of heterosexual polygamy. The West has had traditionally defined marriage as being between ONE man and ONE woman. I believe that this definition has served us well and I do not want to see my cultural heritage changed. I have had the experience of living in a country where there was an alternate definition of marriage and I think that the effects on that society were profoundly negative. I also believe that altering the traditional definition is going against nature. It seems to me that whenever the elite in a society, for ideological reasons, move against what is natural, the weakest members of society are hurt. I can only point to Mao's attempts to destroy the family during the Cultural Revolution and the Australian Government's attempts to take children from their mothers during the 20th Century. Nature requires a man and a woman to make a family. I think we should respect this foundational building block of society and maintain the definition of marriage that has served our society well for hundreds of years.