

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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This is regarding the topic of same sex marriage. I am arguing that legalising same sex marriage will be detrimental to the society and the future of children who grow up with same sex parents.

Studies, including that of Dr. Mark Regnerus, have shown that children grew up in family who had a parent having same-sex relationship are worst off than children grew up with a single heterosexual parent, in a step family or in a family with a late divorce, who are worst off than children grew up in a traditional family, a female mother and a male father. "For instance, 38 percent of those who had a lesbian mother said they were currently on public assistance, compared with 31 percent of those whose parents divorced late and 10 percent of those who grew up in a traditional family. Compared with the traditional group, those with a gay parent reported less education on average and more sexual partners; the same was true of those who grew up in other nontraditional households, to a slightly lesser extent".

Dawn Stefanowicz, also wrote about her experience with growing up in homosexual parenting condition. With her first hand experience, she has put up a strong argument against same-sex marriage. We should not put the future of Australia or New South Wales into a risky experiment. Allowing same-sex marriage will not only have psychological impact on children who grow up in these families, but also will put our education system, our country, and even human race at risk. We will not be able to teach a family is made up of a mother, who is a female, and a father, who is a male. We will have a social breakdown where male not necessarily being masculine and gentlemen, and female not necessarily being feminine and lady. We will no longer be able to define what is male and what is female. Orphans will be forced to grow up in family with same-sex parents as these couples will demand the rights to adopt a child since they are not capable of giving birth naturally. With scientific breakthrough, they may then demand allowing test tube babies with their cells or sex cells. This could lead to new diseases or abnormality.

We must not legalise same sex marriage as it will lead to a flood of other devastating issues. They can argue they have the rights to marry, but we have already given them the rights to be domestic partners. If we gave them the rights, you are then taking away the rights of heterosexual people to define marriage as between a male and a female. You can never satisfy everyone and giving a right to one also means taking away a right from another. It is just like banning smoking from certain areas, you are giving the non-smokers the rights of free from secondhand smoke but you are taking the right to smoke from the smokers. I am a non smoker by the way but just illustrating my point. Also if same-sex marriage is legalise, if a pastor or priest does not allow a same-sex couple to be married in the church, he/she could be sued. But that a pastor or a priest should have their freedom to profess their principle, that would be contradictory, you would be putting the rights of one over another and freedom of one's belief.

I hope I have made my point and marriage should remain between one male and one female.

Thank you.