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INQUIRY INTO ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES

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Dear committee,

The care of the fatherless and orphans (James 1:27) is a primary Christian concern and I am writing to strongly oppose the proposition that same sex couples should be approved as adoptive parents.


Adoption laws should be focussed on providing the best possible environment for children to grow in a nurturing environment. One important aspect is that it needs to be where they can develop an understanding of how men and women relate (since half the population is (fe)male, and every child has a biological (genetic) father and mother.

I understand there is a great shortage of children available for adoption, not least because the federal government is funding the wholesale slaughter of foetuses in Australia under a ruse. Furthermore, I read recently that international adoption is less common as countries seek to manage their own orphans. Consequently I understand that adoption agencies put limits on the age (of adoptive parents) and the number of children that may be adopted, while other Departments fund expensive IVF procedures. Therefore there is no demand for an increase in the base of adoptive parents.

The family is the basic unit of society, a husband and wife working together to provide a nurturing environment for children. Government's role is to promote good and punish evil (Romans 13:1-4).

The most fundamental difference among people is that of sex. Excluding a very few exceptions, every person is either genetically XX (meaning they can potentially bear a child) or XY (meaning that they can potentially father either a male, or a female child). To record a female as the 'father' or a male as the 'mother' is like saying YES means NO and NO means YES (Isaiah 5:20-21, Matthew 5:37). The first statement in the Bible concerning mankind is that we are made like God, the second is 'male and female He created them' (Genesis 1:27), the third was 'to multiply and fill the earth'. Chapter 2 then explains the development of family ending with the words 'a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh' Genesis 2:24. Jesus picks up this verse in Matthew 19:3-6 ending with the statement 'what God has joined together, let not man separate'.

Every person who chooses to enter into a homosexual relationship is doing so in direct rebellion against the plain teaching of God in Scripture. It is an extreme case of self-centred lifestyle and the increasing adoption of this philosophy will destroy this country. I urge the honourable members not to adopt this policy in the interests of the children who would be subjected to an extremely deviant lifestyle, and the nation whose character will be further eroded.



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