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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am deeply saddened to think that the sacred institution of marriage is being put up for debate yet again. Marriage is and always will be between a man and a woman.

Those who lobby for same sex marriage are looking to justify their own sense of right irregardless of what society has held for centuries. But even worse still, this effort is now intended to deny our rights and impose a set of personal beliefs on others. This imposition is at the expense of the silent majority, many of whom have been the benefactors of a traditional marriage for many decades!

Respecting the rights of others is so often demanded by this vocal group to the extent that they do not even offer the same respect they demand. But it is worse still, as they not only deny the right of others with a traditional view of marriage, they vilify them and even outrightly abuse them.

The law already provides similar recognition of many relationships that are not 'marriage'. De factos and same sex couples have been accorded these rights to ensure they are treated equally and fairly.

Hence the demand for 'same sex marriage' has much less to do with rights and equity as it has to do with the imposition of their egocentric perspective to and violating the beliefs of the traditionalists. Where is the justice in that?

Why can't they learn to live and accept the traditional view in a same sense of equality as they seem to demand from others to accept their alternative lifestyle view? Why can't they invent a term, as did couples living outside of wedlock did with the term 'de facto' and just get on with it instead of looking for ways to disrupt what has been in place from the beginning?

In fact, de facto relationships would, by definition, encompass same sex relationships. And if a formal recognition is required, have a commitment ceremony and call it what you will but leave the traditional definition of marriage alon