

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Sir/Madam, RE MY OPPOSITION TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Because all Australian states relinquished their responsibility for marriage issues in favour of a Federal body in 1958, I cannot see the reason the NSW State Parliament should be considering a Bill on the issue of same sex marriage.

Could it be, some are anxious to keep the issue in the public eye with the intention of arousing an agitation for change in the community?

To my mind there is no such thing as "Same Sex marriage". The reason the government includes "Marriage" in its portfolio of Births and Deaths is because marriage is regarded as belonging to the issues of life. To keep an accurate account of the population of the country includes regulating and recording family histories, implementing safeguards against such practices as Incest.

Because two of the same sex cannot produce offspring, it would seem the pursuit to place gay couples into the "Marriage" category is motivated by the desire to legitimise a sexual behaviour pattern which is traditionally perceived as deviant. Does a democratic government have the mandate to undertake such a change without a referendum?

If a federal Parliament reaches the stage of seriously considering a need for changing the marriage act, then a referendum rather than parliamentary debate is surely the proper way to address the Issue.

Yours faithfully,

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