

## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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Male and female, becoming one in marriage after finding their soul-mate and having children who are loved is a beautiful thing to behold.

When my husband & I take our weekly walk around the beautiful tranquil foreshores of Bayview, NSW, watch the dogs and their humans happily frolicking around the sandy peninsular; or hear dogs tearing around chasing a ball or stick being hurled on the large grassy green; have a cup of coffee or lunch at the popular Flying Fox Cafe; see the parents and hear the children squeaking in happiness playing in the newly restored kid's playground, or see Happy Birthday kid's parties under the umbrella's with abundant bbq meat, salads & cake etc; or kids riding on their little skateboards, bikes or some other miniature vehicle on the paths provided, closely watched by parents or grandparents; the following can be observed and most obvious:

The families consist of mums, dads and their children (& relatives) sitting together enjoying the delights of the outdoors. There are no same-sex couples to be observed lovingly watching over their child/children, or watching their dogs frolicking around. (In fact, if there was any great loving friendship of the same sex to be observed it would be between man's best friend and his/her human!)

This is the evidence of the majority of Australians, who live out their lives in a family consisting of father, mother & children (including step-parents and step-children.) They do not need to be vocal, as they are doing what comes naturally - forming families with partners of the opposite sex as their heads.

However, I do not mean to say that they are problem-free families (as being human-beings we all have challenges, as no-one is born perfect.)

Here may I state that State Government has no right to take a stand for the whole of Australia. Our present leaders on both sides of politics give a NO NO to gay marriages, and so do the majority of Australians! In fact it takes courage to take a stand for what is right.

The noisy minority who advocate same-sex marriage attracts the attention of those who are in leadership, who unfortunately have left the Christian faith of our forefathers. I also question whether or not the people who advocate gay-marriage have honestly thought through the issues. Could it be that the leader is not as strong as he/she would like to be, so goes about ways to win the votes of the mainly wealthy gays, falling into the error of being 'broad-minded' and not 'narrow-minded and old-fashioned!

Blindness to the aftermath is the leader's failing.

Lastly, can the evidence of wisdom revealed in history be refuted? God says in both the Old & New Testament (Holy Bible) that same-sex marriage is sin (as is other sexual sins). All the

great Western Empires of the past, the Assyrian, Babylonian, Greek & Roman have disappeared one by one by God's omnipotence and His judgment. These civilisations flaunted their own idea of "doing their own thing", following man-made rules, making a mockery of the purpose of sex, and leading to more perversion.

Personally, I have a husband, 2 happily married daughters (2 sons-in-law) and 3 young grandchildren.

Please let Australia continue to be the best place in all the world to live in. May blessings continue to be upon our country from the Creator of all things. Let Christian values and belief be what we claim and practise.

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