

**Submission
No 130**

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To the Social Issues Committee

I am writing to voice my opinion that 'same sex marriage' should not be approved in the NSW parliament.

There are a number of reasons for this opposition:

- For one thing, marriage, as I understand it, is a federal issue and not a state issue and any decision by this State to have laws different to the Federal ones would cause much confusion
- More importantly, the term 'marriage' should be retained for the natural understanding of joining of two complementary persons, male and female, as the foundational unit of society
- Marriage is not just an institution for personal gratification, but for the stabilizing value of society and the forth-coming generations. Children need to receive a balanced model of male and female influences to be able to grow up in stable and balanced ways – i.e. with a father and a mother – a man and a woman.

Please do not allow the institution of marriage to be changed into something that it is not meant to be!

Sincerely

David Bartlett