

**Submission  
No 837**

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

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Listening to the ABC on 14 Feb 2013, I heard many couples married for many years defending marriage as an institution between a man and a woman. They spoke of the quality of life they had experienced, of both the joys and the difficulties, but also of the richness of their lives. I was filled with joy at the way they were speaking of marriage as I had known it. I believe that, having been created by God, neither I nor any other person or body has any authority to change marriage as a union between a man and a woman.