Submission No 173

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Attn the Hon Niall Blair, The Hon Helen Westwood, The Hon Catherine Cusack, The Hon Greg Donnelly, The Hon Jan Barham
The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones

I understand that you are meeting to determine if the law needs to be changed.

I wish to write to oppose the suggestion that the law for marriage should be altered for the following reasons:

Since the beginning of history marriage has meant the life- long union of a man and a women not closely related to each other to become man and wife.

The continual creation of children depends on the union of a man and a woman. Two men or two women cannot produce children.

The nations foundation has always depended on heterosexual marriage, the procreation of children and the care and nurture of both parents.

Where late the children have been brought up by one parent because of divorce or death of a parent the child has had a greater struggle to grow up into a fully functioning adult.

For governments to deliberately introduce this idea of bring children up by two men or two women instead of a heterosexual marriage is in conflict with the need of a good society. And a good society is what all members of parliament are elected to seek to bring about.

Therefore to change the marriage act in any way is against the needs of the community for it future health and well being.

Yours sincerely JA Gray Husband, father and grandfather