

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Social Issues Committee,

We are writing to you as we **DON'T** want same sex marriages to be legalised.

Our concern is the destruction of families this move would make. Marriage is and has always been between a **MAN** and a **WOMAN**, as designed from the very beginning under the authority of **GOD**, the one who created man kind.

* A husband/father has been designed to lead, support and protect his family and a wife/mother to nurture and look after their children. Having a father and mother (man & woman) is very important part of raising children in a family, it brings a perfect balance to a family unit, which every child deserves.

* The physical aspect of husband and wife (man & woman) is a must for a family to even begin. To even think that a union between two same sexes would be a marriage is ludicrous. **GOD** designed our bodies especially for reproduction, there is **NO** reproduction between two men or two women. **GOD** says in **Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.** That says it all, we are to **BE married**, leaving our parents to be united together in marriage, so that we are now **ONE flesh**.

* Our society is already in a downward spiral, our nation is so mixed up, that families are breaking down because people are chasing after the wrong things. Self seeking and self gratification are the centre of most marriages breaking down, as the parents are not holding their family as important. If our nation can't get it right with our families, with men & women as the parents, what hope is there for same sex couples making up their own families. Children are so mixed up now and many are not living in a secure home, what will a same sex union bring to this nation? More mixed up children and more broken families.

* We know first hand what problems come from broken marriages. Our first marriages failed, leaving us with two children each and raising them as single parents. Children need both their parents because a Dad has a unique roll in his children's lives and a Mum has a unique roll. They can't fill each others rolls, it **impossible** we've tried it. Children need a stable nurturing environment that only a father (man) and mother (woman) can fulfil.

* My son was very disturbed when his Dad left, he was so troubled that he was different from all the other kids because his Dad didn't live with us any more and that our family wasn't like his friends families. He was concerned that he wasn't like the others kids. What about the children in same sex families? Do you think they will adjust well to this family structure, just because that's all they know? **NO** they will have their own set of troubles. They to will know that they are different to others families. They will have two Mums or two Dads, **NOT a Mummy & Daddy**. What happens when puberty hits? Already teenagers are very self-conscious, what is having same sex parents going to do to their sexual development. Confuse them even further.

Please, keep Marriage **SACRED**, it is set apart from any other relationship and it should be **HONOURED**, under **GOD**. We appeal to you to please keep Marriage between **MAN & WOMAN** for the sake of our future generations of families.

Yours sincerely
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