

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

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I'm writing to tell you of my support to retain the existing definition of marriage, i.e. the union of a man and a woman who will exclude all others, for each other, for life.

Men and women are not equal, they have differing, but complimentary roles. A marriage, with love, is made perfect in these complimentary roles. The strong relationship that can and should come from marriage is the right environment for the nurturing of children. It provides strength and security that facilitates healthy growth. This is true for those who are married, the children that come from marriage and the community and nation that benefit from stable healthy marriages. Marriage requires love, yet it is so much more than merely a loving relationship. It is the differences between men and woman and the complementary between the sexes that makes marriage work.

Marriage, it has been said, is more like the unique relationship between a nut and a bolt, mutually beneficial and powerfully effective specifically because of their difference. No amount of wishful thinking or statements about inequality will ever change the nature or relational dynamics of a bolt to a nut.

Marriage is not about mere principles, concepts or ceremonies; it is the actual and ongoing relationship of man and woman becoming one in a natural, spiritual and physical sense.

In addition to misapplying concepts of equality and discrimination to this argument, those who seek to dismantle marriage and family as the foundation of our society, actually seek to rob children of either a mother or a father.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Robinson