

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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The Director
Standing Committee on Social Issues
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

The Salvation Army, along with other Christian churches, believes that the marriage of one man to one woman is a sacred institution, ordained by God.

Marriage is the lifelong commitment and faithful union of one man and one woman. As such, marriage is the natural basis of the family because it secures the relationship between biological parents and their children.

As the leader of The Salvation Army in NSW, I affirm our commitment to promote and protect marriage. We honour the unique love between husbands and wives; the vital place of fathers and mothers in the life of children; and the corresponding ideal for all children to know the love and role modelling of a father and mother.

Marriage thus defined is a great good in itself, and it also serves the good of others and society, as it has done for thousands of years. The preservation of the unique meaning of marriage is therefore not a special or limited interest, but serves the common good, particularly the good of children.

We call on Government to:

- protect this definition of marriage in Australian law, and
- not change the meaning of marriage by adding to it different kinds of relationships.

Yours Sincerely,

James Condon
Commissioner

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