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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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As a Coalition voter and Christian in NSW I am dismayed that the NSW government is considering Same sex marriage in NSW. Marriage is between a man and a woman and this relationship is the bedrock of our society. SSM is a threat to the bedrock of our society-the family. Children need a father and a mother. It is also a threat to religious freedom in NSW. Religious organisations will no longer be able to discriminate in favour of like minded people. This will lead to marriage no longer being able to perform marriage. In countries overseas where SSM has allowed, there have been far reaching consequences for parents of children in school as their children are given knowledge in schools which are not in accord with values taught at home. Parents are rendered powerless by governments. The federal parliament has already voted against this and as marriage is a federal matter I fail to see the reason for this exercise. It seems a monumental waste of money that we do not need to spend. I would have thought we had more pressing issues to deal with. Homosexual couples are not discriminated against. They have equality in law.