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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Hello,

I'd like to voice my opposition to the introduction of any proposed same sex marriage law in New South Wales.

I understand that same-sex couples want the same sort of assurances of faithfulness and physical provision as a heterosexual couple.

It is a fundamental desire in relationships of any kind to feel secure and trusted and to be able to trust, free of the fear of betrayal or abandonment.

However, I don't want to opt-in to the numerous and long-winded arguments against same-sex marriage: I'd just like to voice my opinion honestly and clearly.

I believe that the Christian response should be based on what the Bible teaches at a more fundamental level than that of same-sex marriages.

Namely that same-sex sexual intimacy is not approved of by God and therefore any union of any kind between same-sex couples is also not approved of by God.

While some may argue that this is old-fashioned and parochial view, I believe that if you're going to adhere to a faith, you need to follow its teachings.

It is clear that Jesus taught that his reference for morality and conduct was the teachings of the Old Testament, even though he came to fulfill the O.T. Law (Matthew 5:17-20).

While Christians no longer need to make themselves right before God by observing the O.T. Law (Romans 7:1-6), we still hold that that same O.T. Law is also our reference for morality and conduct, based on Jesus teaching above.

It is taught very strongly in the O.T. Law (Leviticus 18:22), as well in the New Testament (Romans 1:18-27) that same-sex sexual union goes against God's will for the way humans should practice sexual intimacy.

It follows, therefore, that same-sex sexual union was not approved of by Jesus, and it thus also follows that the followers of Jesus should hold the same view.

While this does not mean that God hates homosexual people, or that Christians should hate homosexual people, it does mean that we strongly disagree with the practice of homosexual sexual intimacy.

So my objection to same-sex marriage is based on the Christian conviction that homosexual sexual union is not the way God designed humans to behave, whether they are born with a leaning that way or not.

It follows that same-sex marriage is not the way God designed humans to be joined in intimacy.

Which means that I also oppose de-facto recognition of same-sex couples and any other legal form of state or federal recognition of same-sex couples.

I believe this view is in keeping with the widely held belief of the majority of the Christian community in Australia.

I add my voice of opposition to theirs in this submission.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Peter Enseleit