

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Marriage as the union of a man and a woman has existed across cultures, religions and millennia, reflecting the biological complementary of the sexes.

Marriage existed before parliaments – the state has no business in redefining something that has naturally existed in almost all times and places.

Redefining marriage creates the presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family. This is a serious human rights issue for our most vulnerable.

Redefining marriage leads to the suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Marriage is a federal issue – the New South Wales parliament should not be attempting to redefine marriage. Last year the Australian parliament voted 2 to 1 to preserve the natural definition of marriage.

Introducing legislation to recognise same-sex relationships as marriage is a fundamental shift away from the concept of family – of a mother and a father raising children. If government were to legislate for same-sex marriage it is creating a value-based law that says a mum and a dad no longer matter in raising children. The presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family means we could expect more children to be raised without knowing their biological parents. Where same-sex marriage has been legalised freedom of speech and freedom of religion have been

suppressed. Campaigning for marriage to remain between a man and a woman is about ensuring children's rights are put first in government policy. Same-sex couples already have rights in law after the federal government introduced laws passed discrimination from couples in 2009. Same-sex marriage suppresses free speech whereby people who object to same-sex relationships taking the term 'marriage' can be persecuted for this view. Where same-sex marriage has been legalised, parents have also found that their child is being taught about homosexuality without their consent.