

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

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To the:

**Social Issues Committee, c/o Parliament House, SYDNEY NSW**

Re: Proposed legislation to legalise “Same Sex Marriage”

I am writing to express my deep concern and objections to the proposals for legalising same sex marriages. This legislation is totally unnecessary as well as contrary to christian and ethical norms as I wish to highlight below.

1. Same sex marriage is in disharmony with God’s created order

God created male and female as described in Genesis 1:27 and 28 and for the purpose of reflecting His own image. God brought them together in a union (marriage) with the objective on ‘being fruitful and multiply, fill the earth, subdue it and rule over it’. God still creates new life through the union of man and wife. We are all “knitted together in our mothers’ wombs” by God himself as described in Psalm 139.

2. Same sex marriages cannot fulfil the civil purpose of marriage

As far as civil governments are concerned, marriages are to help provide a stable environment for raising any children through the union of male and female role models to help them relate to people of both sexes. Marriages need to have committed union of a man and a woman to encourage the stable social context needed for resulting children to be raised to responsible adulthood.

3. The demand for same sex marriages is based on invalid perceived needs.

The most expressed purpose for the demand for same sex marriages is the right to express love to one another in the same way as heterosexual marriage. “It’s all about love”. There is absolutely no restriction or law which limits the expression of love towards one another, be it between people of the same gender or different genders. God has commanded that we love our neighbours as ourselves. However, in our society selfish desires for sexual satisfaction often turn into lusts and these lead to objectionable behaviour such as fornication. Then the desire is to have and enjoy rather than to give oneself in love.

For the reasons outlined above I plead with you not to give in to the demands for same sex marriages, but to honour the commitment and recognition that only through the God given union of a man and a woman in marriage a stable social context is maintained for resulting children to be raised and nurtured to adulthood.

Yours faithfully,

Josh Hooimeyer