

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear NSW Government:

A NSW bill relating to “same sex marriage” would be unconstitutional as marriage is a federal issue and should be decided for the entire Australia in the federal parliament.

Opinion polls with loaded or simplistic questions are not a reliable guide to public opinion. Only a referendum, where voters receive a booklet explaining both sides, can indicate their true views.

Marriage recognises the committed union of a man and a woman to encourage the stable social context needed for resulting children to be raised to responsible adulthood.

Mothers and fathers parent differently, and children need both approaches in order to develop a balanced identity. That is why marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman.

Furthermore, if the law allows a man to “marry” a man or a woman to “marry” a woman, then the law must also allow:

- A man to “marry” five women to form a family of 6 people as long as they love one another;
- Two women to “marry” three men to form a family of 5 people as long as they love one another;
- An elder brother to “marry” a younger brothers as long as they love each other;
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Regards,