

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To the NSW Legislative Council's Social Issues Committee
Dear Sirs/Madams

We understand that your Committee is currently calling on submissions on the issue of "Same Sex Marriage". My wife and I firmly believe that as you consider the various submissions from members of the NSW community that you also consider the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Apostle Paul as very clearly set out in the Bible.

Jesus was very clear that marriage is between a man and a woman. He stated "that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female" for the very reason that "a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, that the two will become one flesh".

The Apostle Paul was also very clear in his assessment of "same sex lust" when writing his letter to the Romans. Paul stated "that as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind and to dishonourable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men etc.". The Apostle Paul considered "same sex lust" an abomination in God's sight.

If your Committee is seeking mainly to look at legal issues and community attitudes concerning this issue we would like to suggest that a very clear distinction be made between the very honourable and Godly marriage union between a man and a woman, and the ungodly same sex union. Clearly the word "marriage" must be preserved to refer only to a union between a man and a woman. Some other word (other than "marriage") must be used or invented to describe a union of same sex partners.

Finally, we would just like to add that we have a great and gracious God who has given us very clear guidance from His Word as to what His standards and ideals are for us, and that we, by seeking to follow them and by being obedient to them, might have life to the full and enjoy His peace that passes all understanding. We strongly encourage you to maintain God's standards and ideals as you consider this matter.

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