

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am a proud Australian and committed to establishing a just and fair society in which my children and grandchildren can grow with confidence in the community in which they live. I teach children for a living and see the turmoil caused by broken families and unchecked boundaries (basic standards/rules for living life). I appreciate that most Australians would understand this position and would want the same for all people. However, i believe that the proposed legislation for "same sex marriage", is not in our nations best interest. I appreciate that people see this as discrimination and therefore wrong. I would not be happy for my own children to think that a man marrying a man or woman marrying a woman is 'right'. God has given us some direction here and even without this there is a 'common sense' that leads us to understand that central to marriage is children... (not something that is possible without outside intervention of surrogates/ medical on behalf of the same sex couple).

I want my children to know that making marriage exclusively between a man and a woman is "right". At the moment i am being told by lobby groups and the media that i am "wrong" to have my view on this issue. I am therefore discriminating against a whole section of our community whom are demanding equal rights. I am not saying that same sex couples cannot have the same legal rights to purchase homes or receive assistance or pay taxes as a dependent may. I am more concerned to abolish the definition of what a marriage actually is... A union (God ordained) between a man and a woman!