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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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The Chairperson
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Since the beginning of time, marriage has meant the union of one man with one woman for the creation of children. Same sex marriage can never fulfil that function in a natural way.

It is currently legal for same sex couples to live together and there have been many laws introduced to give such a union benefits that otherwise would not be available. We believe that despite the small number of citizens that would avail themselves of marriage if it were available, such a move would take our society further down a moral slippery slope.

Two mothers or two fathers, whilst it is possible to show love to any adopted children, there is no way that such adoption can give the full parental love of a father and mother who by nature are quite different and because of this have different attributes.

The legal implications down the track are mind boggling. The current situation with defacto relationships where 5 or 6 children living with the mother have been fathered by multiple fathers, is only the beginning. Same sex marriages will create even more horrendous legal issues with the children, wherever they com from. Our world at present seems to be place an enormous emphasis on sex and sexual issues.

Life in Australia at present seems to be "all about me", " what about my rights?" and nowhere is this more evident than in the huge number of abortions that are carried out annually in our country. Any married couple that cannot have children naturally, because there are no babies available for adoption, have to look overseas and that source is now even drying up.

Finally, because opinion polls are usually inadequate or not full/complete enough for one to state an opinion, it seems to us that if this cause is to be pursued, a referendum can be the only way to determine the mind of the people, where a booklet can be included to ensure the public are able to make a well informed decision.

Thank you for your time,

Regards
Ivor & Beverley Lowcock