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INQUIRY INTO ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES

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Submission to the Enquiry into Adoption by Homosexual Couples.

On behalf of the Fatherhood Foundation I would like to thank the New South Wales Parliament and the Standing Committee on Law & Justice for the privilege of presenting the many reasons why homosexual adoption is not right for our children.

The role of government is to protect the innocent and to speak up for those who have no voice. The government has a moral duty to encourage best practice in all its legislation and encourage the natural family.

The government has a moral duty to encourage good health among its citizens and protect children from lowered life expectancies.

1) To legislate for homosexual adoption of children is to rob children of their biological birthright of a mother and a father. This natural birthright has been recognised in tribal law, ancient laws, Sharia Law, English common law and by nature of our heritage, Australian common law. To remove this right by an act of parliament is not in accordance with the will of the people of New South Wales, nor is this right removed with the permission of a child who is brought into existence by natural heterosexual reproduction. Children need input from both their mother and father. Children have a natural hunger to connect with their natural biological mother and father. This is demonstrated for instance by the immense popularity and the sheer emotion in the Channel Seven TV Show, 'Find my Family'. See 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p. 6-7.

2) To legislate for homosexual adoption of children is to legislate against the natural family and is an act of discrimination against the families of New South Wales. According to statistics 1.6% of the Australian population is actively homosexual. Homosexuality is a lifestyle choice. That means that 98.4% of the population is heterosexual. If 1.6% of the population want to engage in unnatural homosexual sex, which are by their very nature infertile, to give this group special privileges is an act of discrimination against heterosexual families. On these ground alone this legislation should be rejected. See 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p. 9-11.

3) To legislate for homosexual adoption is to endanger our children physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. The purpose of government should be to protect our children, not expose them to increased rates of harm from:

a) Higher levels of homosexual drug use and partner violence. Homosexual adoption will be a liability for those children who are adopted. See 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p.17.

b) Higher levels of communicable diseases and increased levels of bad health will make homosexual adoption a liability for those children who are adopted by homosexuals. See 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p.19-20.

c) Higher levels of decreased life expectancy among homosexual couples will make homosexual adoption a liability for those children who are adopted by homosexuals. Homosexual life expectancy is 24 years less than heterosexual couples, according to Scandinavian research. See 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p.18.

d) Higher levels of sexual exploitation by homosexuals of children will make homosexual adoption a liability for those children adopted by homosexuals. Not all homosexuals are paedophiles but the incidence of paedophilia by homosexuals is much greater. See 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p.19-20.

4) In these days of heightened economic crisis the government of New South Wales and the people of New South Wales will open themselves to increased risk of class action and group litigation, which could amount to billions of dollars, for the recovery of damages by those children who are forced into harmful family situations by an uncaring and inhumane parliament. Future group class actions could force the state of New South Wales into bankruptcy.

5) To legislate for homosexual adoption will increase the current epidemic of fatherlessness amongst the children of Australia. An expert from the University of Western Australia estimates the cost of fatherlessness to the Australian economy to be in excess of \$13 billion per annum, not to mention the pain and emotional dislocation that fatherlessness causes the children of Australia.

See Fathers in Families p. 13 and 21 Reasons Why Gender Matters p.6-7.

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