

**Submission
No 161**

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Committee chairperson,

I am a Christian. It is no doubt that marriage is between a man and a woman and we live by it.

I am feeling very uncomfortable that the NSW government we voted for is considering the legalisation of same sex marriage. The reasons for ditching it are simple:

- 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.
- Marriage is a federal, not state, issue under Australia's Constitution – so a NSW bill relating to marriage or "same sex marriage" would be invalid and unconstitutional.

I hope the NSW government will take voters opinion very seriously before any decision is made on this issue.

Regards,
Henry Ko