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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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The Social Issues Committee,

Dear Sir/ madam,

I write to urge you and your colleagues to oppose any moves to alter the Marriage Act thereby legalising same sex marriage. I do not consider myself to be a political or social activist . However, as a married man with two young adult boys I am very disturbed at developments taking place in New South Wales and Australia that may lead to the legalisation of same sex marriage. I am disturbed for the following reasons.

Firstly, I do not wish to see a new generation of children growing up without the nurture of a good mother (as in a homosexual union) or father (as in a lesbian union). Surely any child born into this world deserves and has the right to the love and care of both a mum and a dad and all the good that this brings to their lives. Surely any child growing up needs the role modeling of both a mother and a father which is so critical to child development and good personal adjustment. I ask you dear sir, wouldn't you and your colleagues rather see your own children growing up under the positive influence of both a mum and a dad rather than without one of them ? If the answer is yes then why legalise the type of relationship which will promote the latter ?

Secondly, I find it heartbreaking that the legalisation of same sex marriage will mean that many kids in the next generation will grow up not knowing the identity and / or nurture of their biological mother or father as they are originally conceived through various artificial means. Would any of us like this for ourselves ? I shudder to think of the negative personal and social consequences of a new generation of children growing up not having a full and rich sense of their own personal identity and perhaps having a traumatic time trying to find it. Surely our kids deserve better than that !

Lastly, marriage is an institution created by God to be a union between a man and a woman. It was not created by the ALP, the liberals, the gay movement, "straight people" or a political lobby. Do some politicians really believe they know better than God as they set about to change an institution which has served mankind well and has been the bedrock of all civilisations since time

began ? Doesn't this fundamental lesson of history tell us something ? Are we foolish enough to believe that we are wiser than God ?

Dear sir/ madam, I do not know the exact views of every politician on same sex marriage. But for the reasons I have outlined I urge you and your colleagues to support leaving the Marriage Act the way it is and to oppose any move to legalise same sex marriage at any up-coming conscience vote or decision making meeting. Yes, I believe that gay people should have equal rights in areas such as legal justice, welfare and employment for example. Fair enough. But please let the sacred institution of marriage remain a union between a man and a woman only. In doing so you and your colleagues will contribute to the stability and well-being of people and society.

Kind regards,