

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Marriage Should Not Be Redefined by the NSW or any other parliament

Marriage should not be redefined by parliament as marriage has naturally existed for thousands of years on all continents.

Marriage has always been between a man and a woman. The Wasp people of Tanna Island (an island of Vanuatu) put it the best way. In their culture two people of the same sex/gender would never marry as the purpose of marriage is the procreation of children. The Wasp people cannot understand why Westerns would want to be married in a same sex marriage, it's inexplicable to them. I must say it is inexplicable/incomprehensible to me as well.

Marriage between a man and a woman brings balance to the upbringing/rearing of children. We neither major on the maleness of relationships or the femaleness of relationships but bring a balance that assists the emotional development of children.

Parliament will be taking away the right of a children to be brought up by their biological family. We major on the rights of same sex adults with little consideration to the children. We should major on the protection and emotional health of children.

There have been cases in the UK and the US where boys brought up by two Lesbians parents have decided that they were not meant to be boys and have been given hormone treatment to stop their male development until they decide if they want to have surgery to become women. This concerns me greatly. These two cases can easily be checked on the internet and there are other cases as well.

Marriage is a Federal issue and the NSW Parliament should not attempt to redefine marriage.

If marriage is redefined it will lead to a suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.