

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Regarding redefinition of marriage:

The institution of marriage has existed for a very long time in many societies and has always consisted of a man and woman.

Contrary to some modern opinions it is not just about love. In fact it is more about families. Creating new children and preserving and enhancing the family name and fortunes by choosing a partner with suitable attributes.

In fact these old fashioned views of marriage are especially common in some migrant groups in Australia.

Gay relationships are different. They are mainly about the individuals themselves and their desire for what they regard as equal recognition by society.

This desire can be accommodated by a new legal institution, called something other than marriage, which provides all the necessary protections of property etc.

A fundamental institution of society should not be changed just because of a vocal minority.

If the government does want to proceed with change then a plebiscite should be held at the next election when it can be ascertained what people really want as opposed to what opinion polls claim.