

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I have serious concerns about the tendency of Governments to legislate for same sex marriage and certainly I do not want state governments going their own way on this crucial matter. The states should not allow themselves to be pawns of the gay lobby.

This is a federal matter and should be decided in that arena. We cannot have a country where different states recognise or don't recognise certain marriages.

I am totally opposed to same sex marriage as I believe it misunderstands the nature of same sex relationships and ultimately makes marriage a legitimisation of sexual preference rather than the relationship in which a family is nurtured and cared for. Where children have a stable environment to grow and be protected, the building block of a stable society.

Same sex love is entirely legitimate, I personally do not believe that a sexual expression of that love is good or appropriate just as it's inappropriate for a father to express his love for his child sexually. However adults in our society have chosen to enter into such sexual liaisons and over the years have sought to convince people that such activity is normal, natural and unable to be changed. They have every right to do what they do in a free society and express their opinion.

I am concerned that a simple search of the web will demonstrate here are others waiting in the wings to promote their particular sexual preferences as normal be they bigamists, polyamorists, and yes, there are even pedophile websites that seek to legitimise the act.

If we redefine marriage to be on the basis of two people loving one another we've totally changed the sense of the word. And opened the door to others redefining it to suit themselves. There is far more to marriage than love.

None of the debate ever seeks to define what this new marriage would be, sections of the gay lobby would not necessarily see it as monogamous or even life long. If we proceed with same sex marriage legislation we will empty marriage of all it's meaning.

This is an ideological debate as gay couples have all the rights of married couples it's just the term they want to redefine to legitimise their sexual preference. Are we willing to open marriage up to other pressure groups as well?

When I was married it meant something and I do not want the state redefining what has been a millennia old institution and devaluing what is a crucial foundation of a stable society.

thank you for reading.
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