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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I submit that the desire of some elements in our community to radically redefine the meaning of marriage will damage an institution so precious and important for the upbringing of children and social cohesion. The argument that this is an issue of equality is spurious. No person in this country, once they reach a certain age, is forbidden from marrying. All have this equal opportunity. Marriage has always been understood across all cultures to be an institution that only a man and a woman can enter into. This is biologically conditioned. To allow two people of the same gender to "marry" is an oxymoron, as the biology just doesn't fit (so to speak).

Homosexual couples already have all the rights that couples can have under our law. The desire of some activists (as you know there are many homosexuals who don't want marriage redefined) is to change what marriage is, is in the hope that this symbolism will enshrine homosexual sex as a normal, healthy and legitimate practice for our whole society to embrace and celebrate. Such a view is held by a minority or people across the globe and would be imposed on millions of Australians who simply do not accept such a premise. Already in other countries where homosexual marriage has been legalised, people who do not believe that this is right, have had their freedoms curtailed in a variety of forms. School children of been indoctrinated with the gay activist philosophy and parents have been denied the opportunity to remove their children from such propaganda. Freedom of conscience and freedom of religion are fundamental rights in a democracy, yet these will be seriously threatened if a minority group overturns the definition of marriage, for undoubtedly it will lead to clashes of conscience, litigation, and persecution of those who won't toe the politically correct line.

Please don't follow the example set by other western nations in this regard. Here's a chance for Australia to take a stand, and show that we are a distinct people, with our own values, and we're not just going to follow the lead of others. I was so proud when our Federal parliament had the courage to stand up to relentless media and activist pressure, to overwhelmingly reject the proposed radical redefinition of marriage. I hope the state politicians of NSW will follow their outstanding example.