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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am concerned with NSW making changes to the Marriage Act as I believe it should only be a federal Issue as to not have confusing laws between states. I know this happens elsewhere in the world and one state gets people crossing over just for the different laws. I believe Australia is one country and should have uniform laws across the states. I am to believe that in our constitution it should be covered by a Federal law and not states.

Secondly I as a Christian believe that to protect our children Marriage should stay defined as a union of a man and a woman. Each one brings a different aspect to the raising of children and for a holistic approach that has been proven across the world for many years it should stay the same. Children need both approaches in order to develop a balanced identity.

I do not discriminate against those who wish to live together in a de facto relationship and the laws currently cover this really thoroughly with their rights being recognised.

I also believe that the polls have been drastically loaded unfairly and all of Australia should have a chance to vote on this issue in a referendum with a policy statement put forward to all voters stating each side of the argument without prejudice to one side or the other.

This is not just an issue for us at this time but for our children and their children's future. We need to protect them from any possible deviation to moral attitudes that could leave them open to harm.