

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To whom it may concern.

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We are concerned that NSW Premier has set up a Parliamentary inquiry by the Legislative Council's Social Issues Committee to look at legal issues and community attitudes surrounding a NSW Bill to legalize "same sex marriage".

Under the Australian Constitution, marriage is a federal, not state issue and should be decided by the whole of Australia in the Federal Parliament.

A referendum is needed (not just an opinion poll which is unreliable) and each Australian voter should receive a booklet explaining both sides of the argument.

Marriage should remain a union of a man and a woman as mothers and fathers parent differently and children need both approaches to develop a balanced identity. Call it another name for those wanting change, but definitely not marriage

Thanking you for your attention.

Elizabeth and Harry Abell