

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

Marriage is the union of one man and one woman, voluntarily entered into for life.

It is an institution vital to the well being of all society. In particular it confirms the importance of motherhood and fatherhood and seeks to protect children's biological identity.

It has a meaning that we hold deeply for its cultural, religious and social significance.

We therefore ask the House not to redefine marriage to admit relationships to which it does not naturally or historically apply.