

To whom this may concern,

I have recently (10th September 2017) received the following pamphlet in my mail box regarding '10 Reasons to vote NO in the marriage plebiscite". Apologies for the state of the paper, as I initially ripped this up before my friend told me that I should submit this for evidence. This pamphlet is misleading, offensive and potentially harmful to the public. I hope by submitting this evidence, something can be done...

If you require the physical copy, I am happy to post this to you immediately.

The pamphlet was put in my post box in the Bankstown area,

Kind regards,

## 10 REASONS TO VOTE **NO** IN THE MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE

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Traditional marriage of 'one man-one woman' has been the basic building block of this great country that we all enjoy, with its freedoms, values, enterprises and stable Government, rooted and grounded in the Judeo-Christian ethic, of which traditional marriage is the centerpiece. As they say: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". **Voting for same-sex marriage will, in the very near future, further dismantle this very important institution that has made this country the envy of many worldwide.**

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The plebiscite will gather opinion as to "whether Australian marriage laws should be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry". We are being deceived, because legislators have a different idea in mind. In 2015, the Labor private members' Bill stated: "...to marry regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or intersex status". If there is a majority Yes vote, and legislation of this kind is passed by Parliament, it will allow marriage between couples who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, genderqueer, demisexual, twospirit, asexual, pansexual, polyamorous, fluid, femme, gender-binary, gynephilic, SAAB, MSM/WSW, skoliosexual, agender, androsexual, bicurious, cisgender, demiromantic, down low, FtM/F2M and MtF/M2F. **This is worse than a "can of worms"! It opens the way, as it has done overseas, for a raft of gender fluidity laws that will impact the opinions we are permitted to hold, what we say and what we do, and what schools must teach (e.g. radical queer theory via "Safe Schools" propaganda)**

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Dr Chris Middleton, a former president of the Tasmanian Australian Medical Association, has slammed and rejected the recent politically-motivated A.M.A. position statement favouring same-sex marriage. Dr Middleton's report states: **"Decades of research have confirmed that children do best, on average, when raised by their married biological mother and father."**

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Dr Michelle Cretella, President of the American College of Pediatricians, in a country where same-sex marriage and gender fluidity are the "new norms", states that "...pediatric gender clinics are considered elite centers for affirming children who are distressed by their biological sex... known as "gender dysphoria". In these centers, "transition affirming procedures... tell parents to place their child on puberty blockers around age 11 or 12 if they are gender dysphoric. If by age 16, children insist that they are trapped in the wrong body, they are placed on cross-sex hormones, and biological girls may obtain a double mastectomy". **These procedures are nothing less than CHILD ABUSE! This is where the marriage equality pathway will take us.**

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In the U.K, where same-sex marriage is legalised, a faith-based Jewish school in London, having been highly acclaimed in 2013 by school inspectors, is now facing an ultimatum from the government registration authority to teach children about homosexuality and gender reassignment or be closed down. **Parents must have the freedom, on behalf of their children, to expect an education that conforms to their religious beliefs and is in compliance with the law. Don't allow these controls in our country!**

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The parliamentary advocates of same-sex marriage have not outlined at all what legal protections, so far as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of policy and practice, there will be for those at all levels of society, all faiths and all occupations, who hold to traditional views of marriage, if the marriage definition is changed. **Our capacity to be able to enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and even freedom of CHOICE is at risk.**

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We Australians like to keep everybody happy, and everybody enjoying a fair go... but there's a whole lot more at stake in this case. **An aggressive thrust from a politically-correct same-sex minority should not threaten the concept and sanctity of traditional marriage, which has always been regarded as the rock upon which well-ordered, safe and stable society is built. Don't give in to this demand.**

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It oversteps the line when parliamentary leaders say that those who support man-woman marriage are "haters" or "vicious rump" or "rabid right". They've done themselves no favours. **It's time to use the only voice we have been allowed, through this ballot, to say that we have had enough of political elites telling us, in condescending terms, not only what we have to believe, but also using political correctness to silence any public discussion of the matter.**

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Please ensure that you do vote when your ballot papers arrive in your hands. Though it's a voluntary plebiscite, to not vote is to effectively allow parliamentarians to think that you don't care about the outcome of the ballot. **Ensure that you clearly mark your ballot so that you are voting "NO" to any suggested change to the current Marriage Act.**

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There are those who clearly don't care about the ramifications of this proposed extraordinary change to our Australian way of life. **Vote "NO" for your children, your grandchildren, and the future of our great nation.**