To Select Committee on Same Sex Marriage PO Box 6100 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing to you to strongly object to any redefinition of the marriage act. Marriage by it's mere definition is between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all else. Marriage by it's definition is exclusive. It is meant to be exclusive. It excludes multiple partners (which is illegal in Australia), it excludes children (also illegal in Australia), it excludes animals.

Marriage between one man and one woman is the bedrock of all of the world's societies and has provided stability for families to exist since the beginning of time. Research has shown that children are safest in their biological families. That the highest rate of child abuse is usually perpetrated by an adult not the biological parent of a child. In a same sex relationship one (if not both) of the adults will not be the biological parent of that child.

The present Government for whom I voted, stood on the premise of a plebiscite which would give ALL Australians a voice and not just the very vocal very minor participants of our society. I urge you to stand by your promises.

Another concern is even with exempt legislation in place for people like ministers of religion and marriage celebrants, overseas examples have shown this to be inadequate to protect such people with the LGBT lobby still pursuing legal action against such people. It would appear from the "Safe Schools Programme" that even now parents do not have the freedom to allow their children to opt out of being brainwashed into believing that gender is fluid. Will such parents be jailed for teaching their children the truth that only one man and woman can actually produce a child?

There is much to consider underneath the very loud cacophony from the LGBT lobby. I urge you to be very thoughtful in your considerations for the long term benefit of society as a whole and not just a very small minority who yell very loudly. Yours faithfully,