

Submission to

The Inquiry into the Marriage Equality
Amendment Bill 2010

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Victory Life Broome is opposed to same-sex marriages. The Oxford English Dictionary's definition of marriage is "the union of one man and one woman".

This country was built on a moral fabric with families and marriage at its core. Even our constitution is based on biblical principles and this has been the reason Australia is a great and favoured nation.

Our children have grown strong because they have grown with the confidence they are being lead by a democratic government which upholds its constitution and biblical principles.

Same sex marriage is a low priority for the vast majority of voters and there is no passion or priority across Australia for changing the *Marriage Act*. The labour government is leaning towards an agenda of political correctness to keep the minorities happy and most of the polling in favour of same-sex marriage remains unconvincing.

Of a great concern is the push by the Australian Education Union to transform the curriculum in our schools to introduce compulsory education on sexual preferences. This is a difficult concept for adults to comprehend let alone children. If this agenda is pushed by the Union, the fundamental principles of child development will be greatly damaged.

For most Australians and for most families, at the heart of the same-sex marriage debate is the creation, custody and rearing of children. In late 2009, the Australian Family Association asked a single Galaxy Poll question of 1,053 Australians: "*Ideally, wherever possible, should children be raised by their biological mother and their biological father*"? Overall, 86% of respondents said "yes", including 81 per cent of 18-24 year-olds. But the strongest support (90%) came from lower-income families, from Labor's heartland.

It is beyond comprehension why the Labor Party would so strongly go against the vast majority of its voters and jeopardize the fundamental rights of a child to know its biological parent, medical history and to then place that child in conflict of its own emotions by wondering what its own sexual orientation is.

The future generations of this country are relying on its elected politicians to lead them into the future with the same biblical principles as stated in our constitution, principles that have made this country great.

One act of looking to be seen as being politically correct would destroy the very moral fiber of this nation.

Victory Life Broome strongly opposes any legislation which permits same-sex marriages.

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