

## The Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill

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## Voice of the Sikhs in Australia

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### Submission on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill.

National Sikh Council of Australia (Council) is the peak representative body of the Sikhs in Australia and most of the Sikh Associations and Gurudwaras (Sikh worship places) in Australia are its members. It caters for the religious, social, cultural and educational needs of its members and helps to resolve issues facing its members.

According to Sikh faith the fundamental core of the marriage institution is a biological union of **one man and one woman** for the purpose of procreation and raising children in a caring and loving family environment is called marriage. The marriage is performed by reciting sacred Hymns from the Holy Granth ( Sacred Book) stating the names of wife and that of the husband and their social and worldly duties in bringing up their children and respect for the elders. The word divorce is not in the dictionary of the Sikh scripture

For a Sikh Minister of religion or a Sikh marriage celebrant because the proposed marriage is not between a man and a woman rather two men or two women, it would be impossible to recite those sacred Hymns from the Holy book because the marriage is not between a man and a woman and the sacred hymns cannot be modified or changed as it will be a sacrilege to the Sikh faith and no person has yet dared to change any word or hymn.

So marriage between two men or two women cannot be performed according to the Sikh religion.

National Sikh Council opposes the Same Sex Bill on the following reasons:-

- It defies the meanings of the marriage which is a union of a man and a woman.
- God created man and women for the propagation of human race otherwise he could have created only men or women, but He didn't. Biblically speaking he should have created two Adams or two Eves but he did not because he wanted the procreation of the human race he had created.
- The marriage is for the procreation and raising children in a caring and loving family environment is called marriage. And the union of two men or two women do not produce any offspring.

- Imagine for a moment if the progeny of Adam and Eve had decided to be homosexual no one of us, including the proponents and those supporting the Bill, would be here today to discuss what we are debating because the union of two homosexuals, does not and cannot produce anything. What the proponents of the Bill are proposing and supporting is against the law of Nature. God created humans on this planet to propagate the human race and not to destroy it. This bill will destroy the whole human race.
- Union of two Gay or Lesbian is not a union for love but merely for the unnatural sexual gratification for themselves and in no way is going to help any society advancement. Gay and Lesbian, under the Human Rights, can exercise their right to live the way they want to live and tie the knot of union but that union of two same sex cannot be called a marriage. A new term shall have to be coined for that union. In human society a father is always a male and mother is a female and although there won't be any babies born out of the union of two homosexual yet if they find and adopt one, between two homosexual men who would the child call father and to whom the mother and the same applies to two lesbians. So new terms for father and mother shall have to be coined.

This legislation undermines the meaning and values of the sacred union of marriage and places the wishes of homosexuals above the interests of the children and in the long run the survival of the human race. It is worth pondering on the question that if every man becomes homosexual and every woman a lesbian then say after about 50 years who will run Australia, as there won't be any babies produced.

Those Homosexual who want to have the relationship let them have it but don't change the constitution simply because some other countries have done it and don't redefine marriage as union between two consenting men or women. Give it a different name, such as HOMO UNION and recognise the relationship..

National Sikh Council Of Australia which is the peak representative body of the Sikhs in Australia totally reject the idea of same sex marriage Bill and disagrees with the proposed marriage equality Bill because it puts the wishes of a few humans above the propagation of the human race and the interest of the children.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of the National Sikh Council Of Australia Inc.

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