

## Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010

- 1 I am an Australian resident and I am very concerned about this Bill.
- 2 I am not a member of a LOUD minority group seeking my own personal privileges.
- 3 I believe I represent the large majority of Australians who have similar concerns about the erosion of traditional values and morals of our country.
- 4 Why are we spending the majority of parliamentary time debating this issue for a very small minority of Australians?
- 5 This Bill was introduced to parliament 2 years ago. If anything in our constitution or parliamentary procedures should be changed it should be that once a Bill has been debated and gone through all divisions of parliament, then that Bill should not be allowed to be introduced for another 5 years.
- 6 Mankind and ALL OTHER SPECIES procreate by union between opposite sexes. If a man or woman choose to have sexual relationships with any partners heterosexually or "same-sex", then our society has been convinced that we should accept these rights as between consenting adults in the privacy of their home (even though many would still argue unsuccessfully against this on moral grounds). This basically is a sexual choice one makes. If we choose to live with a partner (same or opposite sex) out of wedlock, again our society has accepted this. Now, some of our "leaders" want to extend the morality line again. Do we ever reach a point where the moralistic (probably again, the majority of Australians) in our society have any say at all?
- 7 So, we are considering changing OUR CONSTITUTION to satisfy people with differing sexual (non-reproduction) preferences? That is basically what it comes down to. We can talk about equality of possessions, health status, couple status, superannuation equality, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc. from such a union, but let us be honest, this push is basically for our society to accept that this minority sexual preference should be seen as something that is perfectly normal and that it is absurd for the majority of our society to think otherwise. Well guess what – some of us do object to changing our constitution for some who feel more comfortable with same-sex partners. GET REAL.
- 8 If this bill is passed, where do we go to next? I love living with my daughter/son – we love each other – it is plain to see – he/she gives me no grief, accepts what I do, etc., etc., etc. I would like to marry my son/daughter and change our constitution so this is acceptable to everyone as non-discriminatory. Shocked? Probably not, (takes a lot to shock our current society), but the current proposed marriage bill would have had the same immediate impact on our society even 20 years ago.
- 9 SENATORS. Don't be bullied into accepting this nonsense by Bob Brown or other out of step Greens who have no family policies whatsoever and therefore put themselves into a VERY biased, and minority viewpoint, discriminatory towards the majority of Australians who believe in families and rearing their own children they have genetically produced by union with their partner/wife/husband like the generations of mankind.

- 10 Finally, be honest and don't assume the stance – "oh, let them have it – it's not such a big deal, it's not that important", or "gee we can't spend forever debating this – I am getting bored with it all, let's just give them what they want and get on with other things" There will be nothing more serious you will do during your time as one of our country's leaders in parliament as changing our constitution. Don't be convinced or convince yourself otherwise. Just as it is a VERY big deal to this loud minority group, it is a VERY big deal to the majority of "average" Australians out here including most people I talk to.
  
- 11 One final thing, if you don't believe our traditional societal values are still held high by many Australians whom you represent, just think very carefully when you next stand in parliament every morning when parliament opens with the Lord 's Prayer. Think about it as you stand there. Whether this may mean nothing to you or the Greens or other in parliament, it remains the format of opening parliament in Australia every morning and has value to many Australians whom, again you stand for.