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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee

Re: Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010

We thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to this Bill.

We respectfully urge the Senate to vote against this Bill.

The ***Marriage Act 1961*** presently defines marriage as “the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life”. This is a definition that has operated for thousands of years for the benefit of society. It is a definition that is derived from and founded upon the institution of marriage by God. The Holy Scriptures describes in Genesis chapter 2 how God created male and female (Adam and Eve), and united the man to his wife in marriage.

We therefore strongly oppose any move to redefine marriage, as is sought to be achieved by the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill.

We ask that the Senate uphold the sanctity of marriage as being between male and female. We believe that this is the bedrock on which any great society is founded. It is within the

family unit, under the care of both a father and a mother, that children are nurtured and raised. It is within the family that children are instructed to become responsible citizens.

This is the way in which Judeo-Christian society has flourished for many thousands of years. All of it would be at stake were homosexual marriage introduced. An artificial “family” would be introduced which bears no resemblance to the way in which God has designed it and society has always understood it.

It is artificial also in the way of procreation. Indeed, an artificial model that centres more around the “wants” of homosexual adults rather than the need of a stable environment for children.

We encourage you to fight against and expose any moves to undermine this important institution of marriage and that you seek, instead, to encourage more investment in promoting healthy families for the sake of the next generation.

If you wish to meet with us to discuss this or any other issue, please feel free to contact ARPA

With Christian greetings,

Gary Kleyn
Chairman

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Secretary

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