

## **TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

We the undersigned members, families and friends of the Marriage Enrichment Movement (MEM) Brisbane draw to the attention of the House this petition to signify our strong opposition to the legalisation of same sex marriage in Australia for the following reasons:

- We recognise the proponents have the right to live as they choose but they don't have the right to redefine marriage for all of us;
- We believe that marriage between a man and a woman should be exclusive, unconditional, permanent and life giving. It is the foundation upon which our families are built and on which our society stands. To alter the definition of marriage to include same sex marriage would be detrimental to the very fabric of society;
- We believe that one of the main reasons our culture begun to crumble is due to the weakening of family values. Legalising another form of "family" would only make the situation worse;
- We believe that legalising same sex marriage provides and creates a chain reaction that will eventually destroy the sanctity of marriage, a very alarming scenario;
- Australia has a population of 22.6 million comprised of 64% Christians of which the majority are Catholics who affirm that a man and a woman is united and becomes one in the holy sacrament of matrimony.

We therefore ask the House to consider and support this petition against the legalisation of same sex marriage.