

**AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL MARRIAGE ACT 1961
TO INVALIDATE
STATES' AND TERRITORIES' RELATIONSHIP REGISTERS**

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

The petitioners and citizens of Australia draw to the attention of the House that

1. In 2004, the Commonwealth Parliament amended the Marriage Act 1961 to define marriage as “the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life”.
2. This reinforced the Biblical norm of heterosexual marriage, which has been the cornerstone of every civilization since the beginning of humanity.
3. The word ‘marriage’ is thus appropriate only for legally united heterosexual couples, who are able to model dual-parenting that is balanced (providing both father and mother role models), natural (as to male-female physical union), and morally acceptable to God (bringing up children within the marriage bond).*
4. The establishing of Relationship Registers in the States and Territories will inevitably expand the above definition of marriage (para.1) into meaninglessness, and so compromise the purpose of the Marriage Act.

Your petitioners therefore pray that, with the powers vested exclusively in the Federal Parliament under Section 51 (xxi and xxii) of the Australian Constitution, you amend the Marriage Act 1961 to invalidate any present or future States’ or Territories’ Relationship Registers.

* Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4-6; Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:18-27