

Dear Senators

The Evidence Amendment Bill 2008

Please do not give same-sex partners the same rights to object to giving evidence against one another in a criminal trial that husbands and wives now have for the following reasons.

Only marriage provides the best environment for raising children: stability plus complementary male and female role models (Mum and Dad).

Men and women complement each other in marriage - benefiting each other and society.

Since marriage is a committed union of a man and woman, spouses should be protected from being forced to give evidence against each other. Non-married relationships don't deserve this privilege.

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