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To: Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)

Subject: family law amendment bill; same sex relationship bill; evidence amendment bill

Dear Senate committee,

I am deeply disturbed by the proposed bills which seek to give equal status with married to non-married relationships. This undermines the heart of every society which has been the family unit comprising father, mother and children and extended family. These bills are contrary to the Christian foundations upon which our democratic society is founded, and tampering with the structure of our society in such a profound way seems both dangerous and reckless. Enabling people in non-married relationships to avoid giving evidence in court against their partner is surely simply adding to the difficulties of establishing evidence in trials. Presumably there will also be an increase in civil litigation when non-married couples separate and clai