

Dear Senators,

The situation today is one in which lawbreakers and social deviants seem to get celebrity status. If they are publicly discredited they have the existing law to protect their interests. However, if this Bill becomes law they may use it to stop associates (eg same-sex partners) from giving evidence against them. Marriage is a legal entity between a man and a woman and the partners should be protected from giving evidence against each other. Criminals and deviants should not be given this option. Thank you, Peter Rice