

I have the following to say about the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008

Please note that 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. Criminals could exploit such a law by claiming that witnesses against them were in a de facto or same-sex relationship with them, to avoid a criminal associate giving evidence.

Anything that we can do to protect the sanctity of marriage and family should be done, and in this case I do ask that you consider if the Evidence Amendment Bill 2008 does offer the protection that marriage between a man and a women deserves.

Kindest Regards,
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