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Inquiry into the Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 [Provisions]

The Australian Family Association (AFA) (SA Branch) opposes all measures that undermine marriage – the union of one man and one woman, entered into voluntarily for life.

De facto relationships are de facto marriage, in both name and nature (de facto = in fact). Consequently, any changes to the definition of “de facto relationship” will have an impact on marriage.

The inclusion of same-sex relationships into the definition of “de facto relationship” would extend to same-sex couples a marriage-like relationship in nature, if not name.

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