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Dear Senate Committee members

My Dictionary says that marriage is the state or relationship of being husband and wife. The union or contract made between a man and a woman to live as husband and wife.

Please keep the sacred bonds of marriage between a man and a woman, a husband and a wife. Children are the natural product of this union, which thus constitutes a family.

Changing the meaning of marriage will affect the very foundation of our society - "the family". We will be robbing our children of two very important and unique role models, a mother and a father.

Let us keep our Australian families healthy, strong, balanced and growing.

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