

Dear Sir/Madam

I am recommending to this Senate Committee that the current legal definition and recognition of marriage in Australia as being only between a man and woman be maintained. I am against any attempts to reverse the amendments made to the Marriage Act in 2004 and I also oppose any attempts to give legal recognition in Australia to same-sex 'marriages' performed overseas

I state the following reasons:

While I understand that not all heterosexual marriages are successful it is proven by far to be the best environment for couples, children & society to develop healthy relationships. If we allow one group just how far do we go? Should we then legitimise multi-partner relationships or even paedophilia which claims to be 'loved based' but has terrible consequences on children.

Governments should be about promoting what is good, healthy and beneficial for the whole community and for the most vulnerable – our children. Anything less should be considered irresponsible idealism.

Sincerely