

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

I oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009 because it would completely change the meaning marriage has had throughout history. A core aspect of marriage is the birth and nurture of children. Same sex relationships cannot produce children and so flies in the face of the basic foundation of all human society and structure. Both father (male) and a mother (female) are vital for raising children. It is lamentable that this isn't always possible due to tragedy or other relationship breakdown. To change the law to infer that it is desirable to not have mum and dad and therefore to foster such an unhelpful and destructive change ought to be rejected out of hand.

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