

I write to advise that I think that marriage must continue to remain only between a man and a woman - and that same-sex 'marriages' performed overseas should not be recognised in Australia.

I do not have a problem with a person being homosexual, but I think that this move to change the definition of marriage is not reasonable. In all other ways the Labor government has removed discrimination so that legal, superannuation and insurance issues no longer arise. I think that those pushing for this change are seeking public approval of homosexuality. They may want societal acceptance or they may be seeking absolution for a guilty conscience. Some probably want society to say that what they are doing is morally right. But you don't have to be a religious person to understand that any form of behavior that cuts a person's longevity in half and comes with a lengthy list of venereal diseases is not right. People should live, but homosexual behavior kills homosexuals.

Legalization of same-sex marriage will not bring absolution nor deliver inner peace. Homosexuals will continue to suffer from the problems of their lifestyle. Homosexuals need compassion, but since they will not benefit by homosexual "marriage," there is no reason for society to redefine marriage to include same-sex couples. In fact, recognition of this intrinsically disordered behavior can have only bad effects on society.