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To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

**Re: Marriage Equality Bill**

I oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009. Marriage is vital for raising children, who need both a mum and a dad.

This issue is NOT about discrimination as the gay and lesbian activists would have us believe.

Rather, it IS about what is good for Australia as a nation.

The family is the building block of our country - the family which consists of a married husband and wife, and any children. Our successful nation today is a result of our married ancestors.

Same-sex couples cannot form biological families, and they cannot provide a good family environment in which to raise the next generation of young Australians. In Australia, same-sex couples are already granted virtually complete freedom in their private lives. There is no valid reason we should further grant them married status. It would profane marriage to consider same-sex couples equal to the most fundamental building block of our society – the family.

It is NOT 'progress' to copy other nations that make laws to their own detriment. We, the Commonwealth of Australia, should not buckle to international peer pressure. We are our own nation with our own laws - laws that we believe to be in our best interests.

“Homosexuality is devastating to any culture that encourages its lifestyle.” (Jack Sonnemann, Australian Federation for the Family)

Politicians have great responsibility as representatives of the Australian people. I encourage you - our elected members - to make a stand for what you believe is right and in your country's best interests. The future of Australia truly rests on your shoulders.

Sincerely,

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