

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Re: Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

As a private citizen and voter, I am writing to request that this submission on marriage be taken into account in your deliberations on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009. My view is that the only form of marriage recognized in Australia must continue to be that between one man and one woman, and that same-sex 'marriages' performed overseas should not be recognized in Australia.

I put to you that Australia is a Christian nation, founded on Christian principles, and that the Biblical standard for marriage should therefore be upheld.

The alternative, to make homosexual 'marriage' legally equal to the Biblical standard for marriage, involves trashing our Christian principles, and therefore making legal anything that has enough community 'support', however that might be measured.

To enter upon such a course of action opens the way for a number of other possibilities, any one of which would horrify any decent Christian citizen. If we as a society deny the God of the Bible as our ultimate lawgiver, there remains no logical or moral reason to retain any of His law, except that which at our own absolute discretion suits us.

If this bill is passed, that will not be the end of the demands of the equal opportunity juggernaut. Are we ready for the next wave of demands on the basis of what some other vocal minority interest group wants, on the grounds that they are currently experiencing discrimination?

Such demands would almost certainly include at some point, recognition for multiple marriage partners. This now exists overseas in certain Islamic societies, and is already covertly practised in Australia.

As an older Australian who has lived through the full gamut of the evolution of the homosexual community in Australia, I wish to point out that the arguments successfully put forward by the homosexual lobby of yesteryear have simply been recycled by the paedophile lobby. Paedophiles have continued to lobby for at least the last three decades for legalization of sexual acts between adults and 'consenting' minors. Homosexual acts were once proscribed under the criminal code, as the activities of paedophiles are now. If the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 is passed, on what logical or moral grounds would you deny the demands of the paedophiles? I am well aware that electoral expediency would currently rule out the possibility of acceding to their demands. But this submission is about matters of unchanging moral principle, not ever changing issues of electoral expediency.

The arguments used by the homosexual lobby and the paedophile lobby could just as easily be recycled by individuals who want legal recognition of their sexual relationship with their animals, cow, pig, goat etc.

If the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 is passed, there will be no means available for stopping the downward slide of Australian society towards the lowest common moral denominator, in the social evolution that is moral relativism.

I thank you for your attention.