

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

I oppose the passing of the Marriage Equity Bill 2009 for a few reasons:

Firstly, I believe that generalising the concept of marriage will have deleterious affects on many spheres of our being in Australia. Encouraging and supporting homosexuality means supporting people into lifestyles which have been shown statistically to be damaging to themselves and to society. (For example; <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1502263/posts>; I cannot vouch for the rest of the content on this website; but the statistics quoted and referenced seem to be as I expect them, based upon prior reading).

Secondly, children have been shown psychologically to develop best when there is both a mother and a father at home. Having two mothers or two fathers destabilises the child. Again, a quick google search reveals this; for instance:

<http://www.christianaction.org.za/articles/whatabouthethechildren.htm>.

Thirdly, as a Christian, I believe that separating sexuality, relational commitment and children in the ways described by the Bible, is not in our best interests. Whilst I understand that many people are not Christian (although I humbly wish they were), I think the statistics support such a claim.

On other fronts, such as the transfer of money and entitlements upon one's death, and some other things often associated with marriage: I believe that these ought not to be withheld from homosexual couples; or indeed, anyone. However, it is my conviction that to give homosexual couples the full status of matrimony is a mistake.

Kind Regards,