

Mike and Janine Cranney

Re: the proposed Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Senator Hanson-Young's private member's bill proposes to redefine marriage so that any two people could marry, regardless of gender.

We believe that the current definition of marriage, as being between a man and a woman, is the appropriate one, and that if anyone wants to have some other type of relationship they can, but it should not be called marriage.

Marriage is more than just a loving relationship between two people. Marriage is about love, commitment and fidelity between a man and a woman, and the stable nurturing of children where they are the product of marriage. These qualities are what make marriage the building block of society.

Calling any other type of relationship a 'marriage' is just making a mockery of marriage.

We believe that recognising that there are two different but complementary genders, male and female, is 'accepting and celebrating diversity'.

Yours faithfully

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