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Dear Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee,

I wish to express my sincere opposition to a bill proposed by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young entitled *Marriage Equality*. Marriage is a union between a man and a woman as stated in Australian law and any attempt to dilute this will lead to significant social problems in the form of people's identity being distorted. In a gay couple, there are no clear roles of husband and wife defined, and any attempt to do this leads to one of the couple being emasculated. Children brought up in such an environment have no concept of what a healthy heterosexual relationship between husband and wife looks like, and so have no education as to how to pick their own future spouse of the opposite sex, which is undeniably the norm in Australian society, and would by default be incited to be homosexual as well, which is against the rights of freedom of choice of a child. Furthermore, by claiming that a gay couple is married, there is an implicit assertion of husband and wife, reinforcing a distorted image of a man's identity onto the psyche of the child, passing on to them a wrong education of the male identity. If marriage is meant to be a safe environment to educate and bring up children, then gay marriage is completely preposterous suggestion.

The Australian constitution was drafted by Christians under the moral and ethical system of Christianity. In the bible, homosexual relationships, like many extra-marital sexual activities, such as adultery, are seen as wrong, and are only a product of a lie and brokenness. I know a number of ex-homosexual people who have found healing in Jesus Christ, and have been restored to a normal heterosexuality. The gay community is extremely, religiously, and sometimes violently opposed to ex-gays, the existence of whom fundamentally destroys any credibility in the gay rights movement. The bill proposed by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young seems to be backed by hypocritical, outspoken individuals, who can hardly claim to represent a right view of the constitution of this great nation.

In light of these arguments and others from the concerned public, I propose a unequivocal negation of this bill and any others that threaten the fabric of Australian society.

Yours Sincerely,

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