

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 - Omit 'husband and wife', substitute 'two people'.

I read and listen to news, documentaries and reports on children at risk and the reasons often given as to why this is so.

Why so many children seem to lose their way and identity. Lose their understanding of their sexuality. Seem to be unbalanced in their up-bringing.

Often this stems from a single parent having to do their very best without the assistance of their husband/wife (whatever the case may be).

Mothers are the greatest treasure that a child can have. Their love and protection is often beyond comprehension.

Fathers provide a sense of strength and character, a champion of protection in times of difficulty.

Together, the father and mother complement each other and balance out the overall development of the child... the “ying and yang” of the family entity.

Society as I know it (and it does appear to be changing...not necessarily for the better) is that of a family comprising a Father, Mother and children, with Grandparents holding a strong bastion of support for that family.

There is no way that I can, with good conscience, sit back and just let all that I hold near and dear, be undone by the flick of a pen and changing a couple of key words to allow Marriage to mean anything other than that of a Husband and a Wife.

As if we do not already have sufficient problems within society striving to operate under God's law and often finding ourselves falling quite short. How more difficult do we wish to make it for ourselves as a society, by opening up this “can of worms” of same sex marriage.

I wish to make my submission quite clear. I am totally against changing the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 – to omit 'husband and wife', and to substitute it with 'two people'.