

23rd August 2009

The Members of the Senate Committee Enquiry
The proposed Marriage Equality Bill

Dear Senators,

I am deeply concerned about this Bill, and believe that despite its subterfuge of promoting equality for all humans, it will in fact do the reverse and create social, sexual, and emotional confusion amongst society, especially to children who may be nurtured by two people of the same gender in a legally sanctioned relationship.

Let me hasten to add that I believe that people who have a homosexual persuasion need society's understanding and support, as do a great deal of other people who have conditions which differ from the norm. In my employment in the public health sector I am confronted by a number of syndromes which require society to accommodate these people's special needs. But we don't change the moral fabric of society for these people.

Another angle on catering to the minority is; should we legalise that a man can marry several wives? Why not? As this would satisfy a growing number of *new* Australians?

However it is my contention as a Christian that contemporary society has flourished in the western world because the God given statute that marriage is (only) between a man and a woman has been incorporated into nations' legislation. This rule is an Absolute and if it is seen as Relative, due to homosexual political push to change the building block of society in terms of the Marriage Act, I believe we do so at our peril.

Yours faithfully

David Piper