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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

I am writing in response to Senator Hanson-Young's bill in relation to marriage or should I say to her bill trying to destroy marriage. Her aim to celebrate "freedom of sexuality" and "diversity" is definitely not what our children need in their family upbringing today.

A marriage is between a man and a woman. Why can't another term be used for those who do not want to be part of a marriage?

I thought this was already decided in 2004 when both major parties agreed that the definition of a marriage is "a union of a man and a woman" when they inserted the definition into the Marriage Act. This reflects the opinion of the majority of Australia.

Please do not change what Australia values in the foundation of a marriage between a man and a woman. Sneaking this through the Parliament would horrify most Australians whom I would guess are unaware this is even being introduced as a bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter,