

I do not agree with Senator Hanson-Young's viewpoint. I feel that everyone has the right to choose who they wish to be in a relationship with as that only affects themselves not society, however marriage is a totally different topic. Marriage was originally created between a man and a woman and that was how it was intended. This is the definition and that is what it means. If you change the definition of something, then it becomes something different, no longer what it was. For example: A chair is a piece of furniture with four legs that you sit on, if you change the definition to anything with four legs, then suddenly an animal such as a dog is a chair. This does not suddenly mean that a dog is really a chair, but the word 'chair' has lost its meaning. Just because you label something does not mean that it is that thing, and just because you may say a Same-Sex union is a marriage, does not make it so, it only changes the definition and loses its original meaning. Therefore if you allow same-sex couples to be married then it will not be marriage anymore, it will be something completely different, something it was never intended to be. Therefore Same-Sex couples can be acknowledged as a union, but not as a marriage. Society is so worried about the rights of the minority that they have forgotten about the rights of the majority. There needs to be balance brought back into our society. I understand Senator Hanson-Young's point that there are other countries that are legalising Same-Sex marriage, but that does not mean it is right for Australia. All members need to be represented in this argument, not just Same-Sex couples.