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Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600
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Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

We wish to make the following submission in relation to the proposed "Marriage Equality" bill:

We are in favour of retaining marriage as being between a man and a woman and therefore the changes proposed by the above bill are not necessary.

This bill would change marriage so that any two people, regardless of gender, could 'marry'. Same sex marriage will undermine marriage because it equates any loving relationship between any two consenting adults as marriage.

These are not the values of marriage. Marriage is about love, commitment, fidelity, and the stable nurturing of children where they are the product of marriage. These qualities are what make marriage the building block of society.

Yours sincerely,
Kevin John Hackenberg,