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RE: Proposed Marriage Equality Bill

We object to the passing of the above named Bill on the following grounds:

- Marriage has, over the millennia, been defined as the joining, in cohabitation, a man and a woman in, not only in a contractual relationship, although clearly there are elements of such exchange in the process, but an arrangement which extends beyond such legally defined prerogatives, into the realm of covenant which embodies the wholehearted giving between both parties that the two are to be considered one entity.
- The outworking display and fruition of such union is found in the birthing of new life in the children that result.
- Abnormal behaviour (abnormal being defined as an aberration from the observed natural characteristics of male and female relationships which by most scientific evaluations of the quantum of same gender preferences falls well short of 10% of the population) of same gender relationships and the desire to be accorded the same rights and privileges, whilst superficially apparently well intentioned in removing discriminatory elements, falls short of meeting the one criteria of defining the institution of the marriage relationship - that of the creation of another person who is, by ancient sociological, culturally, religiously, scientific and medical definition a merging of the male and female DNA of the two individuals involved in the marriage.
- Since same gender relationships fall short of meeting this fundamental definition of the marriage relationship we object to the semantic redefining of the word "marriage" and Marriage Relationship to include same gender arrangements.
- Relationships of all types can be formulated under other legally binding contractual arrangements, none of which, however, can or should be defined as "marriage" for the reasons outlined above.

Thank you for the opportunity of expressing our opinion.

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