Committee Secretary Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee P.O. Box 6100 Canberra ACT 2600

25-Aug-2009.

Dear Sir /Madam,

I am against any change to the definition of marriage as contained in the Marriage Act 2004.

From Christian and Judaic points of view we are told in the Bible that God made Adam and then made Eve from Adam's rib so that Adam would have a companion; they were then commanded to go forth and multiply. Whenever homosexual activity (between males or females) is mentioned in the Bible, God is recorded as being angry with such people and punishes them.

Other religions, too, have prohibitions against homosexuality.

For those of no religious faith there is a health risk with homosexual conduct in that, as with swine 'flu, contagion can be spread.

In summation, homosexuality is unnatural, immoral and possibly unhygienic and clearly should not be encouraged, especially in the light of the AIDS epidemic.