

To whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objection to the changes proposed by the Marriage Equality Bill.

Marriage needs to remain defined as being between a man and a woman.

It is my belief that marriage should be between a man and a woman as the foundation for raising children in our society. Marriage has been set up by God in this way, and I think it is wrong to normalise the homosexual lifestyle in a way that will legalise the raising of children by two fathers or two mothers. This will undermine the rights of children to be raised by their birth mother in a stable family, with both a mother and a father.

I am not opposed to seeing a register for gay relationships being set up, so as to preserve their legal rights in, say, property or superannuation law. But marriage should be legal only between a man and woman.

Regards,

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