

We urge the Honourable Members to reject the proposed Bill being put forward by Senator Hanson-Young re the re-definition of legal marriage in Australia.

Marriage should remain, as it always has been in our Constitution, the bonding relationship between a man and a woman.

Marriage, by definition through many years, is for a relationship between a man and a woman. Any same-sex relationship should never be referred to by this term.

Further, we urge that any overseas same-sex 'marriage' be not recognized as such within Australia.

By encouraging and supporting marriage between a man and a woman our society benefits by the building of strong families and communities.

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