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Dear Secretary,

I would like to express my opposition to the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009.

This Bill will not bring about marriage equality. Instead, it will erode the character and shape of marriage in Australia, and its benefits for our society.

This Bill endeavours to change the definition of marriage into something it has never been and could never be. The drafters of the Marriage Act of 1961 and the amendments since that time, were not mistaken, reflecting the historical and natural understanding of the word 'marriage'. The Parliament should not now be used to force upon society such an alien use of this word.

Marriage is not a union between two people, but the union of a man and a woman. It provides the framework for a lifetime of mutual love and companionship, the rearing of children that come as a result of that relationship, and a host of other benefits for society. The Parliament should be defending and strengthening such a view of marriage.

This Bill promotes a diversity that does not strengthen communities and the Australian people as a whole. Instead, this Bill will enshrine in law the self-centred, anti-social attitudes and behaviours of a small group of people. The Parliament is being used to give such people freedoms and rights they do not have and should never have.

Homosexuality might not be in our criminal codes, but that does not mean that homosexual practices and lifestyles are good for the society in which we live and for the one that we are aspiring to create. Certainly, the Parliament should not be doing anything that might normalise such practices and lifestyles.

This Bill should not pass through Parliament

Your servant,  
Michael Campbell