

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support of marriage being defined as between a man and a woman and my opposition to the proposed amendment of the *Marriage Act 1961* to allow marriage regardless of sex, sexuality and gender.

I believe legalising marriage between couples other than those consisting of a man and woman will undermine the reality of what a family is. Biologically, to create new life, both the male and female reproductive systems are needed, and in my view this requirement of a partnership between man and woman is vital in creating the foundations of what a family is. I understand that not all couples decide to, or even are able to, have children, but even for these individuals their own lives have come from the unification of a man and woman and they therefore would not have been able to form their own family with each other without this unification. I believe that marriage has been designed to be between a man and a woman, is fundamental to all families, and would like to see that upheld in our community.

Yours Sincerely,