

August 25, 2009

To the **Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs:**

RE: MARRIAGE EQUALITY AMENDMENT BILL 2009

I'd like to respond to the proposal put forth in the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill.

1. I oppose any change to the wording in the Marriage ACT. I support the current ACT which directs that Marriage is between a Man and a Woman to the exclusion of all others.
2. I believe our country's future children need the parental guidance of both a Father and a Mother in their upbringing. The institute of marriage provides children with this opportunity and I don't support any moves to weaken the current definition of marriage.
3. I believe that marriage is instituted by the Creator God to join a man and a woman together, with the goal of reproducing children.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rudd