

Submission on same-sex marriage — Tuesday, 25 August 2009

The proposed Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 if enacted will serve to undermine the moral and social respect for “marriage” as upheld by current legislation under The Marriage Act.

A further break away from the public conception of marriage as an exclusive and life-long contract between a man and a woman would erode the stability a society already under pressure because of the dissolution of attitudes that have made nations, including our own, great.

As an Authorized Celebrant for forty years who believes in the sacredness/dignity of traditional marriage I can vouch that I will never be persuaded by contrary legislation to modify my stance.

And I know that many of my younger colleagues would stand with me.

A government that yields to minority pressure to allow for legislation that polarizes the community on such a fundamental issue as this exceeds its authority. As the saying goes, “He who sows the wind will reap the whirlwind”.

In the face of current domestic and external threats to our national security we can ill afford the indulgence of weakening the legal status of the honourable institution of marriage as traditionally conceived.