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Dear Committee Secretary

Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

I am writing to express my view that the whole idea of two persons of the same sex marrying is absurd, unsound, ridiculously unreasonable and stupid.

1. Calling the union of two persons of the same sex “marriage” at all is quite preposterous.
2. The stated aims of the Bill are to recognise “freedom of sexuality” and to celebrate “diversity”. While these may be the values of a gay mardi gras, they are not the values of marriage.
3. From the Bible we learn that marriage is a divinely ordered institution designed to form a permanent union between one man and one woman for the following purposes:
 - (a) living together in sincere love and holiness, helping each other faithfully in all things that belong to this life and to the life to come; and
 - (b) by marriage the human race is to be continued and increased, and, under the blessing of God, husband and wife will be fruitful and multiply. If it pleases God to give them children, they shall nurture these children in the true knowledge and fear of the Lord.
4. Marriage is one of life’s most fundamental relationships. The God of heaven and earth instituted marriage as one of His most beautiful gifts. Marriage is as old as creation itself. It may be accepted and enjoyed with thankfulness.
5. Even if your concept of marriage is reduced to a secular concept of marriage, the concept is about love, commitment, fidelity, and the stable nurturing of children where they are the product of marriage. These qualities are what make marriage the building block of society. It should not be pejoratively labelled “discriminatory” because it is the relationship between husband and wife.

I sincerely hope that common sense prevails.

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