

Senate Submission

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Type	Private
Originating house	Senate
Status	Before Senate

Summary

Amends the *Marriage Act 1961* to: remove all discriminatory references based on sexuality and gender identity; and allow marriage regardless of sex, sexuality and gender equality.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the Private Bill that Greens Senator **Sarah Hanson-Young** has put up before the Senate to amend the Australian Marriage Act to legalise same-sex 'marriage' in late June.

As a father of five children and the benefactor of a great male/female marriage for some 25 years I believe that marriage must continue to remain only between a man and a woman - and that same-sex 'marriages' performed overseas should not be recognised in Australia.

I am no scholar or historian but I have never read of any culture or civilisation go anywhere but down the drain as a result of embracing such values. History does repeat itself, marriage between a man and a woman does 'by and large' produce healthy families and marriage between same sex couples is simply unnatural. Healthy natural families have always been the building block of a stable society.

If anything at this time, we need to reinforce the benefits of male/female marriage. The fact that there are less stable male/female marriages now than a generation ago doesn't render them irrelevant in my opinion. But rather all the more important to promote, support and endorse.

The prevalence of disease doesn't render health obsolete, just all the more desired and necessary.

The fact that Sarah Hanson-Young uses slippery slope language like 'people being discriminated against' and to 'promote acceptance and celebration of diversity' does nothing to entice my support.

In fact all it does is motivate me to write this submission. I am sick of agenda driven individuals driving our culture in a direction leading to a more confused society. A society my children inherit.

I am against this Bill.

Regards

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