

Submission for marriage equality.

12 Aug 2009

Dear Senate Committee,

On behalf of my wife and myself, we submit the following for your brief consideration.

Marriage is an institution that acknowledges the lifelong commitment and mutual support of a male husband and a female wife, who commit to being responsible for and care for any children they shall conceive within this relationship.

For a parliament to enact that this socially-stable longstanding marriage relationship should also include same-sex couples is the ultimate in gate-crashing the marital bed.

If same-sex couples feel so committed to each other and wish to legalise such an arrangement, then they as a collective need to define it accordingly. But don't redefine an existing social institution to suit their requirements. Similarly, recognition of offshore 'marriages' within Australia's legal system is not acceptable.

As a couple who have worked hard to uphold the value of our own stable marriage for the benefit of our family and society at large, we are full of anguish at the possibility of equally recognised same-sex marriages.

Yours faithfully,