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Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
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Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Submission

Dear Senators,

I wish to firmly oppose any change to the Marriage Act 1961 on the basis of sexuality and gender identity and to permit marriage regardless of sex, sexuality and gender identity.

Marriage between man and woman, and the resultant family unit, forms the basis of civilized society, and has done for thousands of years in virtually all know cultures. To change this, one would be changing the basis of society as we know it. The outcome of this is not known.

I am against discrimination on the basis of sex, sexuality and gender identity, but I do not see that anyone is currently being discriminated against with the Act as it stands. Non-heterosexuals are legally able to pursue and continue relationships without fear of prosecution. The government has recently legislated to remove discriminatory legislation.

But to tamper with the Marriage Act is to create a social experiment to which no-one knows the outcome. The outcome may not be known for generations, by which time it will be too late to fix any social problems that arise.

For the sake of our future generations, please do not alter the Marriage Act.

Sincerely

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