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Dear Sir or Madam:

My wife and I support the definition of marriage as being, "the union between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life". Therefore, please DO NOT pass any legislation that would alter this traditional understanding and meaning of marriage. This above definition has underpinned our society, helped to build this strong and decent Australia over the past couple of hundred years and continues to be a great testimony nationally and internationally.

We believe that to legally recognise same sex marriages is, 'so to speak', to allow the termites entry into our nation's foundations and fabric. It is not sustainable to support homosexual notions; families are not born from same sex couples, and this design requirement is no accident. Having both a mum and a dad is of tremendous importance for children, as it provides the best opportunity to develop mentally healthy children whom are able to relate to, and understand, the role that each sex plays in a relationship, as past centuries can attest to.

It is extremely difficult for single parents to deal with the lack of both role models for their children as described by many psychologists on talk back radio and current affair programs, and as studies have shown. For example, studies have shown that there are problems associated with sons being brought up by their mothers alone, and the negative effect this lifestyle has on these boys as they struggle to mature into manhood. How much more difficult would it be for homosexual couples to bring up a child of the opposite sex and expect them to fully understand themselves and properly know their sex role in society. Simply, this sort of arrangement is not beneficial or natural but bewildering to a young human being's life perceptions and detrimental to important areas of human development that a child needs to grow balanced in. (eg mental, social, and emotional areas of childhood development.)

Mental, social and emotional imbalances (indicated above), are detrimental to anyone's development and clearly not in the child's best interest being parented by same sex parents. As a tax paying public we should be requiring the greatest value for our tax money thus not allowing expenses via family tax benefits, etc to be wasted on same sex couples that, in a similarly way to cigarette smoking are only going to cost us more in future due to the mentally confusing/damaging impacts upon children parented by same sex couples.

As a husband/father and Health and Physical Education Teacher I am acquainted with both real life and textbook images of the human body. Man and wife are uniquely designed to fit together physically, mentally/emotionally and even I believe spiritually. As a small child I remember finding out that round pegs don't fit into square holes. Likewise we shouldn't tamper with the human body in a way that it wasn't meant to be. I recall a physician saying to me that the anus was not built or designed to withstand the rigorousness of sexual intercourse, such as the vagina was designed and able to withstand. These specialists are well aware of the need for homosexual couples to have to use tampons due to the tearing of membranes inside the anus and over time permanently weakening the sphincter valves. Its evidence that the anus was not designed for the purpose of sexual intercourse.

God has preserved the Bible for thousands of years so that all people could know what is right and wrong in our world, so we may know how to function most effectively in this life, knowing the reason for living. For those who have understood the scriptures purpose and lived its instructions (100%) they know very well it is the best recipe for a harmonious life. Within the Bible God clearly depicts both the strengths and weakness of a marriage relationship-like Adam & Eve's as a basis to follow. It's only those who have not understood or lived scriptures instructions properly (100%) that have been disillusioned and offended by it. And in a self seeking way they either try to say that God agrees with their view or try to discredit Gods correct precepts by not believing He exists. Neither of these views will benefit long term. This in why my wife & I are presenting our submission as marriage and a family needs to be correctly understood, appreciated and practiced as the best basis for the ongoing life on this earth. The word "faith" means "believing without seeing" and if people put their faith in God who knows all, and believe Gods word (Holy Bible) is 100% true then the Lord would reveal to them why it is true. However, faith must come first. It seems that those who know and understand the Bible the least are the ones that are most critical of it.

Married couples have and should remain the basis for our society. They provide the future for our nation in the best, most productive and responsible manner. Nothing else should be considered equal, as nothing else comes even close to the strength of a marriage between a husband and wife. Please allow it to continually be the public recognition and regulation of human sexuality between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others.

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