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To whom this may concern,

In philosophical terms, a “definition” is that by which we determine the species (meaning the “nature”, the “essence” of a thing).

It is not arbitrary, for people to define and re-define as they please. We need to look at the “essence” of marriage, what is really marriage.

Marriage is much more than a simple legal bond; it is the union between a man and a woman to form a family. This is the whole point of getting married in the first place.

Therefore, marriage must continue to remain only between a man and a woman.

As we cannot re-define things as we please, same-sex 'marriages' performed overseas should not be recognised in Australia.

Yours sincerely,