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Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

I would like it to be noted that as an Australian citizen who was born in 1956, I have experienced many changes in the way relationships have been viewed.

In the year I was born, television started broadcasting in Australia and as a boy growing up, I enjoyed living with my mother, father and 2 brothers in a nuclear family, surrounded by loving Aunts, Uncles and cousins. This worked. It was good for everyone.

I have striven to bring my own children up in the same type of environment I enjoyed, and I'm happy to say they have benefited from it.

Over my 53 years, I have watched the continual attack on the nuclear family where a man and a woman live in the state of marriage and bring up their children under that covering. I cannot understand why anyone would promote an alternative to this type of family as it is clearly the best for everyone concerned and promotes the balanced growth of children both physically, spiritually and emotionally.

I therefore wish to lodge my objection to the proposed amendment of the current status of marriage and stand by Prime Minister Rudd in his opposition to the change.

I hope the Senate will see clearly that the majority of the Australian people oppose the proposed changes and will therefore reject them.

Yours sincerely
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