

**Submission to the
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee.**

**Regarding the Senate Enquiry into Senator Sarah Hanson-Young's
'Marriage Equality' Bill.**

I am deeply concerned about the proposed changes to the definition of Marriage contained in this Bill.

Our nation has always upheld that Marriage is the union of a man and a woman. This has been a central pillar of our Australian way of life, where children can be conceived and become mature having the stabilising influence and role models of both a father and mother.

As a Pastor I am confronted with increasing numbers of children who, not having had the privilege of parenting by a mother and father, exhibit major emotional, psychological and relational problems.

Consequently I submit that no change be made to the definition of marriage that already exists in our legislation.

Yours truly,

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