

Submission to Senate "Marriage Equality" Inquiry

I understand that the stated aims of Senator Hanson-Young's bill are to recognise 'freedom of sexuality' and to celebrate 'diversity'. These are not the values of marriage. Marriage is about joining man and woman in unselfish and self-giving love, commitment, fidelity, and the stable nurturing of children where they are the product of marriage or adopted into it. These qualities are what make marriage the prime building block of society.

It should not be eroded by extending the definition to other relationships.

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