

Submission by Les Beresford on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

This private senator's bill seeks to remove all discrimination from the Marriage Act 1961 on the basis of sexuality and gender identity and to permit marriage regardless of sex, sexuality and gender identity

I WISH TO SUBMIT THAT A MARRIAGE IS A UNION BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN AND THAT THERE CAN BE NO VALID REASON TO AMEND THE MEANING OF SUCH A UNION.

MARRIAGE IS A FUNDIMENTAL INSTITUTION AND BUILDING BLOCK OF OUR SOCIETY AND TO ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE MEANING OF SUCH A VITAL AND EMOTIONAL BOND BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION OR LOGIC.

PLEASE REJECT THIS ILLCONSIDERED IDEA.

NOW IF THERE IS REQUEST TO AMEND LAWS TO CREATE EQUALITY FOR MINORITIES THEN LET US DO SO BY AMENDING THE LEGAL MEANING OF FAMILY, OR ADDRESSING THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

THERE CAN BE NO VALID REASON TO COMPLETELY UNDERMINE THE REAL MEANING OF MARRIAGE.

LET US CALL A SPADE A SPADE.

MARRIAGE IS A UNION BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN

ANY OTHER UNION IS A FAMILY:

TWO OR MORE MEN LIVING TOGETHER IS A FAMILY,
TWO OR MORE WOMEN TOGETHER IS A FAMILY
A MAN AND A WOMAN LIVING TOGETHER IS A FAMILY
ANY OF THE ABOVE LIVING TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN IS A FAMILY

HOWEVER, ONLY A MAN AND A WOMAN LIVING TOGETHER WHO HAVE MADE A LEGAL COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER CAN BE CALLED A MARRIAGE.

THANK YOU

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