

Submission in relation to
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Concern 1

According to my information, the United Nations General Assembly has not agreed upon:

- (1) homosexual marriage to be a fundamental human right. The Muslim Nations, and those nations with a significant Muslim component would not be able to agree to such a view.
- (2) formal state approval of homosexual relationships to be a fundamental human right.

If I am mistaken in both these matters, my objection to **3 Objects (b)** would be invalid.

If I am not mistaken in both, then **3 Objects (b)** would be a serious misrepresentation, if not an outright lie on the part of the Movers of the Bill.

Concern 2

Marriage between a man and a woman is quite distinct from the association of two men or two women. The matter has little to do with homophobia or heterophobia.

It has to do with the nature of human beings and the complementarity of the male and female in biology and psychology. To say that the three relationships, between a woman and a woman, between a man and a man, and between a woman and a man are all of the same nature is deliberate obfuscation.

The special relationship between a man and a woman needs to be valued for the sake of society. The human race does not reproduce if man and man, or woman and woman associate. There are marriages that do not produce children, but that is the exception, rather than the rule.

To deliberately disconnect reproduction from marriage, and that is the effect of the Marriage Amendment Bill, brings with it legal complications, and higher medical costs in an already financially stressed medical system. There will be a need to establish sperm banks and official paternity registers – unless we no longer consider accidental incest to be a concern.

Concern 3

With the aggressive promotion of ‘equal rights’ for same gender relationships in some nations, people can no longer exercise their religious freedom in medicine, education and in charitable activities. This Marriage Amendment Bill is likely to lead to an erosion of our religious freedom as well. People will be forced to approve same gender relationships, rather than merely tolerate them. It unnecessarily sexualises our children, when primary school children have to be taught that it is ok to have two mummies or two daddies.

I sincerely hope that the majority of the Australian Parliament will recognise the undesirable consequences for our nation from the proposed amendments to the Marriage Act.