

To whom it may concern,
Regarding the proposed Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

I am a 25 year old male currently engaged to get married in the new year. Marriage has been something I have looked forward to my entire life. It is something that is to be treasured and in my opinion is to be held in the highest regard. It is something that needs to be taken seriously and not entered into quickly or without thought. The vows made on your wedding day are not simply promises, they hold much greater meaning.

I am a Christian, and hold the Bible as being the most important book. I also believe it to be completely true and above reproach.

Genesis 2:23-24 says... The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. (NIV)

For this reason I believe that marriage must remain between a man and a woman according no other. I also believe that no same-sex marriages should be recognised within Australia.

Genesis 1:27-28 says... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the seas and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (NIV)

One of the primary purposes of marriage is procreation. For this reason marriage of same-sex couples isn't logical, as it is not possible for two people of the same sex to naturally produce offspring.

While I understand that the purpose of this bill is to remove discrimination, I do not believe that there is any discrimination taking place. In life there simply are things that are afforded for different people and different groups of people. A child is not permitted to drive until a certain age. A male is not allowed to use a toilet designated for females. Police, Fire and Ambulance drivers are allowed to drive to a slightly different set of rules. Pre-school is for very young children, the pension is for those over a certain age. Marriage is for one male and one female. This must not change. All things cannot be afforded to all people, for if it did, chaos would reign.

Thank you,

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