

21<sup>st</sup> August 2009

The Secretary,  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra ACT 2600

Re: **Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009**

I understand that on 25 June 2009, the Senate voted to send the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009 to an inquiry.

My wife and I believe that marriage ought to remain as the union between one man and one woman for life. It is this union that all cultures throughout the history of the world have recognised as the fundamental building block of their society, and it is a union that the Government of Australia has recognised and protected – and later defined – as critical to the continued longevity and prosperity of its own society.

We therefore write to request that the Senate reject this Bill.

We believe that the Senate ought to reject any amendments to redefine the definition of marriage, outlined in the Marriage Act 1961, for the well-being of Australia's future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Peter

Kilpatrick