

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

I strongly oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009.

The meaning of marriage is self-evidently a union of one man and one woman. (ie Men and women are made as sexually complementary beings, one man and one woman complete a whole family unit through which children can be born and nurtured.) By this union are all societies founded and built. The attempted tampering of this understanding by minority groups to justify their lifestyle choice is not the ground for good law, or good society. There is no solid evidence that such a change would bring any advancement to our society, in fact the evidence points in the opposite direction. In a society such as ours it is deemed reasonable to allow same-sex couples to express intimacy in their own relationships, but this is not the same as imposing on society a structure that will adversely impact the rest of the society.

In addition, such a Bill would completely change the meaning marriage has had throughout history. Marriage is vital for raising children, who need both a mother and a father in a committed relationship.

This Bill would harm rather than advance Australia and I urge the committee to reject it.

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