

To whom it May Concern,

Marriage, it doesn't seem hard to define this simple word, yet today we are still debating what it means. Marriage has, up till recent times, been defined as a formal union between man and woman. That definition has been under attack and you have to understand why so many people are fighting for it and against it. The reason is people want "equality" but this word equality doesn't even have a set definition. Is there equality for the people starving to death in Africa compared to those of us in Australia living the high life with our endless supply of fast food and seemingly endless supply of money? Is there equality between those in Burma who have to run for their lives only to live in a refugee camp with terrible conditions, and us who live in our luxurious houses, sleeping soundly at night?

Don't get me wrong I am one of those people who eat well and have a comfortable bed to sleep in at night. However I am also an advocate for the marriage to be defined as a man and woman, husband and wife, as it has always has been. It is not about equality otherwise we would be looking to make everyone the same, it is about people wanting to change something that has been the same for "too long". Please do not change the meaning of marriage. It is not something that needs our full attention when people all over the world are dying. We need to as a country, however, **redefine our priorities.**