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Marriage Equality Amendment – Submission

What does it tell our children (the next generation) that it is acceptable to exclude lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons from a central social institution and that our relationships are inferior.

Providing same sex couples with the equal right to marry will not harm religious institutions in any way. Each religion will still have the right to choose whether or not to perform marriages for same sex couples. Religions that wish to perform marriages for same sex couples should also have the freedom to do so.

No group of Australians should be systemically excluded from any legal institution, let alone one as central to our society as legal marriage. It must be open to all Australians, regardless of their sexual orientation.

Marriage is a part of Australian life and same sex couples, in fact all lesbian, gay and bisexual persons, are constantly faced with the fact of our exclusion from it. It's not a pleasant feeling.

Regards

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