

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

I support the Marriage Equality Bill 2009 because the institution of marriage, was not designed by God and it is presumptuous to presume it is meant to be between only a man and a woman. The institution is not solid, secure and safe because

1. It is not solid; because this first and oldest institution in the history of mankind is an invention of people, not "Almighty God" and is therefore not immutable and to survive must be capable of reinvention and redefinition.
2. Marriage has been made insecure because some confuse this all important institution, the law of the land with the love of an imaginary friend.
3. It remains unsafe when it is presumed it is "an invention of God" when it is just the acceptance of social norms in the Rome that predated the Christian God. This is not a holy institution, but the invention of society and will stand the tests of time only if acknowledges the "trends of life".

Marriage is a contract entered into between loving individuals. Love for each other not the love of whatever God should be at the centre of that compact. Marriage should have NOTHING to do with people's religious beliefs

Please register my strongest support for the bill before the Senate proposing same sex marriage.

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