

Dear 'Legcon Senators'

I see that the evangelical Christians are panicking about the status of marriage and are urging people to stack your email in-tray with outraged emails demanding the return of God's 'natural' meaning of marriage.

I see no reason why we should all be imposed upon by zealous religionists, from any so-called 'faith' base, to comply with their religious lores.

While I am married, and happily elected to be married, I managed to do it within the secular realm of the civil service available to all of us these days.

No damage has befallen my children as a result, which is not what Jim Wallace and his screaming ACL acolytes would have us believe. Marriage, they seem to be saying, is a Holy ceremony sanctioned by God alone, and must be conducted within the arms of their Church.

I see also that our ex GG, another screaming zealot of the Christian faith, has been imposed on us all as some sort of dodgy Marriage Ambassador. This is the man who urged all state school children to become Christians in his speech as GG in Goondiwindi, thereby bringing his role of GG into disrepute, once again, as being an extension of God-on-Earth.

If marriage is so good for people, surely it must bring a benefit to Gay and Lesbian people too?

And marriage cannot only be for 'having children', since many married people do not, for a range of reasons, have children. So, what are they to make of this focus on marriage-for-children? Are they to be regarded as sinners by the God-fearing mob for not doing God's work and producing yet more mouths to feed in an over populated world?

Are we all to be expected to pollute this world with dozens of children, like some sort of 1950s Vatican throwback to Australian country town life? When is 'enough' children to be reached?

As I recall my reading of history, marriage was an activity of the wealthy once upon a time, and only emulated by the serfs as they became richer themselves, keen to copy, in a Women's Day sort of way, the actions of their social and economic superiors.

This fascination with marriage as a Holy issue, reserved only for males and females, is as much of a social construction as God is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzXYYmBMst8>

I see no reason why homosexual people should not be able to express their intention to remain with another person for life, as I was able to do.

If Christians, or other religious followers, wish to ban these forms of marriage from within their own Churches, maybe they have that right and ability, but I see no reason at all why I should be imposed upon, by some of the most disgusting sinners around, within the secular realm of Australia's civil society, with their religious bigotry and dystopian beliefs.

To Hell with them, and their bigotry, let Gay and Lesbian people get married in civil ceremonies and join-in with the benefits of marriage available to me, and other married people, in our status-conscious world.

Regards,
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