

Dear Sir/Madam,

I feel strongly that the current Marriage Act serves the best interests of families and our community. I do not believe that modifying or changing the Marriage Act will improve social conditions and may actually cause decline.

The Marriage Amendment Bill 2004, encompasses what I believe as a community we have always known: that marriage is "between one man and one woman, to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life".

Social institutions and political representatives would do well to support these values instead of pandering to minority groups or individuals or be influenced by popular media culture which seems to espouse contrary values from a fantasy world and sells it as reality.

I believe that:

- \* Marriage between a man and a woman supports the family as the building block and foundation of society.
- \* Family-based traditional marriage is the best place for raising children.
- \* Opening marriage to other relationships devalues the social standing of marriage and confuses the effectiveness of roles within families and the development of identity and security of children.

I ask that you REJECT this Bill and encourage others to consider this also.

I will exercise my right as a voter to only support political candidates who do reject the bill.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Hartley-Brammer

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