

Dear Sir/Madam

I do not believe that it is in the best interests of families and the community at large to water-down or modify the Marriage Act.

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

I believe that:

- Marriage between a man and a woman support the family and is the 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.

I ask that you REJECT this Bill.

There are enough issue that communities and schools have to work with already because the family unit is attacked from all sides, and to water down the marriage equality bill in our society will reap trouble and is a dangerous step. Again I say, REJECT this bill.

Yours faithfully

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