

Dear Sir/Madam

It has come to my attention that you will be considering the new marriage bill that will allow homosexual marriages within our society. I come from a religious background that center's its teachings on the family. Families are an integral part of our society and the break down of families will I believe cause irreparable damage to our society.

Families are a source of identity, comfort, safety, support. If the family structures are confused, identity and gender confused then our society will suffer for it.

I do not believe that it is in the best interests of families and the community to 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.

Thank you so much for your time. I am sure that you have received many emails and letters. Some probably angry and abusive. I hope that you will consider very heavily what this Bill will do to the future of our communities.

Yours faithfully