

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 know: 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 am a single person who has been marriage, but I truly believe and stand on the above statement. We are a nation who believe in a one woman and one man relationship we are not a nation who goes into other forms of marriage.

I also believe that because other forms of marriage are being pursued, our society is getting very confused and this is causing many of the problems that we now see in society ie drugs, violence, breakdown of family units etc. Marriage needs to be put back into its proper perspective then our society might and should become a better place to be in.

I ask that you sincerely think through these thoughts and REJECT this Bill.

Thank you for listening and taking note.

Yours faithfully,