

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing in regard to the Marriage Act and the Green's intention to see it modified.

We 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. Throughout history most cultures have seen the institute of marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. Nature itself teaches us that this is the natural and biological means by which offspring are produced, nurtured, and in turn mature to take their place as adults in society.

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".

We 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.

We ask that you REJECT this Bill.

Yours faithfully