To Whom it May concern,

I wholeheartedly and passionately oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009 because it would completely change the meaning marriage has had throughout history and have such a detrimental effect. Children need both a mum and a dad in the safety of a marriage relationship and to change the meaning of marriage is to damage this safety.

Why do people think they can change the meanings of words? Do I now say to you that 'house' doesn't mean a place with walls and a roof where you live, it is now a 4 wheeled vehicle with a pillow in the back for sleeping. NO, you'd vehemently object to such a change in definition and that is the case with my feelings and the new marriage bill.

PLEASE do not change the way we view marriage, it should not change as people change – meanings need to stay absolute.

Thankyou, Michelle Melia