To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

*I Amanda Johnson, oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009* as it will completely change the meaning marriage has had throughout history. It defiles the true meaning of marriage and everything that marriage stands for.

Marriage is vital for having a family and raising children, who need both a mum and a dad. Children need a balanced family lifestyle - two people in their life played by both a man and a woman. Same sex marriages are proven to be more unstable than 'normal' marriages and I feel that it would be no benefit in any childs life for them to have same sex parents - only contribute to an unstable and unbalanced upbringing.

Same sex marriage is not right and neither is passing this bill.

Regards,

Amanda Johnson