

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

I oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009 because it would completely change the meaning marriage has had throughout history.

Marriage is vital for raising children, who need both a mum and a dad.

I firmly believe that changing the structure of the family unit would have disastrous consequences for our nation and future generations, emotionally, spiritually, practically.

Homosexuality is not a functional building block for society, and although I will respect people's choice, I do not believe that a minority's choice which differs in such fundamental ways from the vast majority should be cause for such a dramatic change to national laws.

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