

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

I oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009 because it would completely change the meaning marriage and family has had throughout history. I do not believe that it is even within the rights of Australians at large to make such a change to an institution as old as before humans formed the first government. Marriage is vital for raising children who need both a mother and a father, and two parents of the same sex will not be able provide the child with a psychologically balanced upbringing. As a child develops, he or she will be basing their behaviour as an adult based on the varying roles that each parent performs. If this Bill is passed, we will be dooming future generations of children to a journey to adulthood without having the sufficient background to know how to parent their own children. I believe this will lead to a whole generation of disillusioned children who feel disconnected to the world around them which will lead to an increase of crime, family separation and will damage the credibility of marriage vows to the point of being beyond a joke.

I hope that this committee is able to see beyond what the misguided popular majority thinks that they want to come of this bill and will consider what is most important- the integrity of our family system, the mental and emotional wellbeing of future children and sending the country and indeed the whole world a clear message that we as a society are capable of distinguishing what is fundamentally right and wrong.

My details are as follows-

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