

To whom it may concern

As a registered marriage celebrant I respectfully request that marriage in Australia remains between a man and a woman, that overseas same sex marriages will not be recognised in Australia and that there will be no same sex marriages conducted in Australia.

Marriage is not a private matter between two individuals but it is a matter of public concern. The state is involved to impress on the couple the importance of a binding contract. The marriage between a man and a woman has stood the test of time and is the best way to rear the next generation.

I and many others I know agree with Janet Albrechtsen who quotes the dangerous Spanish experiment where gay marriage and gay adoption have been approved by the state. As religious scholar George Weigel notes in Commentary magazine, the Government has announced that the words mother and father will be removed from Spanish birth certificates. Instead, a child's parents will be listed as Progenitor A and Progenitor B.

Of course, human nature has its flaws and marriage between a man and a woman has its difficulties but children deserve a mother and a father for a stable upbringing.

Yours faithfully
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