

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the Marriage Equality Bill 2009 because it would comprise the rights of many religious institutions who wish to uphold the view that marriage is vital for raising children, who need both a mother and a father.

The proposed changes would force many religions to accept the changes and it would ultimately promote the persecution of those institutions who disagree. I believe that same sex relationships should have the same rights as any de-facto relationship and those couples who want to make a permanent commitment to each other can do so in a civil service.

The rights of Religious institutions to view marriage and what it symbolises for families should remain unchanged.

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