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Att: Senate Committee on Inquiry into the Same-Sex Relationship (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws-Superannuation) Bill 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

I write, to strongly object to the proposed changes to Schedule 1—4 amendments in regards to changing the current terms of “Husband & Wife” to the proposed term of “Partner”.

I also write to strongly object to the proposed changes to Schedule 1—4 amendments in regards to changing the current term of “Marital Relationship” to the proposed term of “couple relationship”

In Australia the Commonwealth Law, Marriage Act, clearly states that marriage is between a man and a women for life, marriage is a law in this country so why is it permissible to suddenly decide to take away these terms of “Husband and Wife” and “Marital Relationship” from official commonwealth documents and laws.

This proposed amendment assumes that marriage has no validity in this country and everyone is happy to accept that we are just “partners”. I am not happy with this assumption and believe and make recommendation that both “Husbands & Wives” be left on this legislation and that “Marital Relationships” be also left in this legislation and alongside of these rightful terms can be the new terms of couples and partners for those whom choose to engage in a same sex relationships.

Both marriage and same sex relationships must be represented in this legislation, if this change in legislation is about non discrimination towards Australians, whom choose to engage in same sex relationships then it should also not discriminate against those people whom believe in the sanctity of marriage and pursue this path.

Marriage is not the same, as same sex relationships and to assume they are is an abomination to Australian people and Australia's Judeo Christian heritage which the Australian government so proudly stands by.

I pray this senate committee has wisdom to decide not to discriminate against Australians whom are married, by removing valid and important terms such as Husband, Wife & Marital Relationship.

Yours Sincerely

Mr & Mrs Jonathan & Renee Dillon