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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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Dear Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,

As an Australian citizen – born and bred, as a husband, father of 5, grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of one soon to be born, and as a minister of the gospel and pastor to several hundred persons, I am disturbed at the current trend regarding superannuation laws.

I would not be narrow-minded enough to contend with couples, even same-sex, being denied the right to share superannuation benefits, but I would certainly not be broad-minded enough to accept that these relationships equal that of marriage between a man and woman, husband and wife, spouse and partner.

Provision for same-sex couples could be made under the new category of “couple relationships” without giving up all reference to marriage in the process.

Marriage is a uniquely committed relationship clearly shown to offer greater benefit to spouses and to children more than any other form of partnership.

Let’s keep Australia great by keeping the marriage relationship great and acknowledging this lifelong commitment between a man and a woman.

Yours sincerely,

Pastor David Blair