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Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008

**RE: The Same-Sex Relationship (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws-Superannuation) Bill 2008**

Dear Committee Members

The Fatherhood Foundation submits that Superannuation should not be used for the benefit of same-sex relationships as this demeans marriage.

Children need a mother and a father and the attached evidence shows this to be the case. Heterosexual marriage is the best way to preserve the right of children to a mother and a father. Therefore we reject The Same-Sex Relationship (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws-Superannuation) Bill 2008. Same-sex relationships should not be treated as equivalent to marriage between a man and a woman. Failure to support heterosexual marriage will harm our children. Marriage should not be devalued by treating it as just another "couple relationship" along with same-sex relationships. Since only marriage benefits society, only marriage partners should receive taxpayer-funded

benefits - not same-sex partners of judges, parliamentarians or defence personnel. Governmental support of Gender Disorientation Pathology will ultimately harm our children. When we harm our children, we harm our nation.

Yours faithfully

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