

**Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600**

Re. The Same-Sex Relationship (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws-Superannuation) Bill 2008.

Dear Senators,

This Bill aims to extend taxpayer-funded superannuation pensions to the same-sex partners of judges, parliamentarians and defence personnel, at an estimated cost of \$112 million.

I strongly oppose this Bill.

Marriage is not just another "couple relationship" and should not be treated as such. The sanctity and honourable estate of marriage is devalued by providing same-sex relationships with similar legislative benefits (including pension provisions).

Fair legislation regarding the superannuation entitlements for un-married Australians already exists. It should not be tied in any way to private "couple relationships". This terminology is merely a euphemism for immoral same-sex relationships and constitutes yet another attack on the sanctity of marriage.

I respectfully ask you to consider my comments on this Bill.
