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### ***The Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008***

- The Family Court is already stretched with settlement of marriage break-ups - it should not be burdened with more casual de facto relationships, including same-sex relationships.
- Those entering same-sex relationships can use contracts and civil law to protect their interests.

They shouldn't be treated as equivalent to married couples.

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

- 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.

### ***The Evidence Amendment Bill 2008***

- Since marriage is a committed union of a man and woman, spouses should be protected from being forced to give evidence against each other. Non-married relationships don't deserve this privilege.
- Criminals could exploit such a law by claiming that witnesses against them were in a de facto or same-sex relationship with them, to avoid a criminal associate giving evidence