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Subject: Inquiry into Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws – General Law Reform) Bill 2008

Dear Committee Secretary,

I would like to make a submission in support of the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws – General Law Reform) Bill 2008.

Equality and fairness are fundamental Australian values, and I believe the law needs to reflect these principles. The idea that one child should not have the same legal rights as another purely due to the gender of the people who care for it is deeply abhorrent.

It is striking that if this were matter of race rather than gender the injustice would be more immediately apparent to those that would oppose this very necessary Bill.

This Bill finally addresses fundamental inequalities in law which contravene basic human rights. I believe these reforms need to be passed through Parliament as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Linette Voller