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Re Marriage Equality Bill

Dear Senators,

Marriage as it stands is not a “right” but a longstanding pillar of society involving a man and a woman. To water down its meaning is done at the peril of the foundations of society.

Throughout the ages Marriage has stood to perpetuate the basic building block of society – the family, and raising of children. This is its purpose.

It is not a changeable institution designed to sanction any other form of relationship just on the basis of “love” or equality. It is not really about love at all. It is about a man & a woman committing themselves to each other for life to form a family. Sure love helps! But it is not the denominator. We all know love on its own is fickle.

Activists will say that same sex couples are being discriminated against - I think not. Next the polyamorists will ask for a redefinition of marriage to suit their cause and if we waver on this issue we will have created a precedent for change.

I am of the firm opinion that gay couples already have every right to a privileged life here in Australia.

It is children that are at stake here.

Children are far more important than the whims of the vocal gay lobby who want their unions sanctioned to justify their lifestyle.

Children are born to a man and a woman. Children are not born to two men or two women. It is impossible. Marriage is based on procreation. Very simple.

Not all gay people want this push for gay marriage.

La Trobe University professor Dennis Altman, a gay rights pioneer, has described the gay marriage campaign as “self-indulgent crap...I mean people around the world are being tortured for being homosexual...and people here carry on as if [gays] not being allowed to marry was a huge abuse of civil rights.”

I have lovely gay friends. Gay people have every right to dignity and I firmly believe they should never suffer persecution or discrimination. This issue is definitely not about discrimination.

Thankyou.