



The Inquiry into the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 Secretary , Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee PO Box 6100 Parlaiment House Canberra ACT 2600

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We support the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 196: namely "marriage means the union of a man and a women to the exclusion of all others voluntarily entered into for life".

Change will open the doors to issues that we have not yet envisaged as has been seen historically with some seemingly small changes paving the way for much bigger issues to be introduced later.

Marriage as it stands is the most effective context for raising children. A family father/husband mother/wife and child/children.

To change Marriage and its definition will have negative implications for future generations. The issue is not about equity or civil rights , but is about social order and stability.

Please also find enclosed petition in support of marriage between a man and a women.

Yours faithfully

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