

Committee Secretary □

Senate Legal and Constitutional Committees □

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To the Committee Secretary,

I, Kelly Small, would like to register my opposition to the Private Members' Bill, sponsored by Senator Bob Brown called the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010.

Such a bill could be used to bring in Euthanasia and Homosexual Civil Unions that will mimic marriage, both of which I reject as not being in the best interests of our Nation or the families, old people and the children of our nation. In 2004 the Commonwealth Parliament amended the Marriage Act 1961, affirming the long established meaning of marriage, already implied in the Schedule, as "the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life". The homosexual lobby are now attempting to amend the Marriage Act to change this age-old definition. The Greens' Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2010 would remove the critical words "a man and a woman" from the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act. This change would undermine the rightful honour given by society to faithful man-woman marriage as the best environment for raising the next generation of Australian citizens.

Yours Sincerely

Kelly Small