

Submission to the Australian Senate Inquiry into Same-sex Marriage, April 2012  
from the Ethics & Sustainability Party based in Tasmania:

We believe marriage is between a man and a woman, and usually involving in most cases the bringing up of children as a family and the continuation of our culture. We need that continuation. That continuity of our community is terribly important. Its very stability has been built around a culture which involves marriage between a man and a woman.

In our belief legal rights previously missing for same-sex civil unions couples, have all been corrected. We're not saying these people can't have the right to the same legal partnership as marriage provides.

We object to them hijacking the word, the meaning and even the sacrament of marriage. Gay Marriage was never part of the United Tasmania Group. It was never even brought up. The Greens recent 40 year anniversary celebration in which they traced their origins back to the UTG which formed in 1972, appear to be a rewriting of history. The evolution of the United Tasmania Group to become the Greens, saw the UTG hijacked by these social progressives who had no involvement at the time with the UTG's environmental activities. Bob Brown joined UTG a few years after its formation to stand as a candidate, announcing shortly after that he was homosexual which badly shocked most UTG members.

We believe that gay rights reform groups will never be satisfied because they want to destabilise and change the whole of our society. This issue of redefining marriage could be the most divisive of all for our community.

Signed,

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