

## **Submission to Parliament regarding same sex marriage.**

May I begin by clearly stating that I am against same sex marriage.

I am not against same sex relationships, as long as such relationships do not involve sexual union. Almost every human has a same sex relationship of some description and such relationships are part of every day life for the vast majority of mankind. However, sexual union with a person of the same gender is a matter of choice and I believe that such a choice opens a person up to many forms of depraved thinking which ultimately brings society undone.

Marriage between a man and a woman was designed into the heart of mankind. It is the God inspired, God designed family model for society. In all of creation God saw that the only thing which was not good was that mankind needed a special 'some one' to spend time with and with whom they could reproduce after their kind. God formed a woman out of the rib of a man. He instigated marriage as it was intended to be – a relationship between a man and a woman. God deemed that this relationship was to be physical (sexual), emotional and spiritual. It was to be a relationship of love and trust, one which would naturally reproduce offspring.

Marriage was intended to be the foundation of society, the founding building block from which mankind would grow to understand morality, justice, law. If this founding building block is altered or redefined, then all of society from the ground up becomes off balance or askew, just as a building becomes off balance or askew when the foundation is moved. If a buildings foundation is pushed far enough, the building is deemed unsafe and must be destroyed. The building which is built in its place may look the same, but the essence is entirely different.

If marriage is to be re-defined so that same sex relationships which involve sexual union are recognized on the same footing as God's design for marriage, then mankind is putting themselves in place of God as the designer for life. Who would enter a building designed and built by a novice with little more than cursory understanding of safe construction methods. Yet the proposal is for society here in Australia to enter and live in such a building via a redesigned, redefined understanding of marriage.

Will this be a safe place, a safe society to be living in? Same sex marriage sets up a "family" model as the foundation of society which is unsustainable. It does not take a person who is a genome or genetic expert to realise that same sex relationships **cannot** produce offspring to sustain society. This clear fact alone should be enough to show that same sex marriage will bring down the morality of society.

When I was a child seeking permission from my father to be allowed to do something I just knew was questionable at best, he would ask me to give him one good reason for him to allow me to do as I wanted. Very often the only "good" reason I could think of was '.....because I want to.....' to which he would say that is not a reason, it's an excuse that will eventually get you into trouble.

Changing the marriage law to include same sex marriage as equal to marriage between a man and a woman just because some want to, is an excuse that will eventually get us all into trouble.