

Dear Senators,

Please consider the following submission to the committee discussing the proposed “Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010”.

This bill has been proposed to allow a way around the federal laws that continue to allow marriage between a man and a woman only. I urge restraint and wisdom so that this bill is defeated, rather than passed. In addition, no real information has been provided showing that the states and territories require increased powers.

Further, I vehemently oppose all the proposals for SSM and civil union registers. It is just a step on the degradation of society. This is not just the end point of so-called increased recognition for sexual preferences, but is in fact a step on the path to legalisation of all manner of perverseness. A similar thing has occurred elsewhere; in Switzerland for example, they have recently debated a subsequent proposal (after SSM was legalised) that allows incest between consenting adults. What is the next step after that? By going down this path, we are systematically destroying our society and the Christianity-based principles it was founded on. We will regret these changes, should they become legislated and permitted.

I feel that the point also needs to be raised regarding the agenda of the Greens. For a party who's “highest priority” is the environment, they have been pushing steadfastly for social changes, of the kind which will only lead to increased levels of heartache and pain for society. Their proposals for greater sexual freedoms (which is essentially what they are, so that everyone can do whatever they want) will only result in the further lowering of our society's morals. If these sorts of proposals are passed, as a society we will look back in 20-30 years time and regret these actions. Our families' and children's future well-being demands that these proposals are defeated.

I thank you for your consideration.

Regards
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