

I oppose the proposed amendments to the Sexual Discrimination Act which adds 'sexual orientation,gender identity' etc.as 'protected grounds' to the original'marital status'.This would include registered same-sex relationships,and treat them as equivalent to marriage.This is contrary to the Marriage Act,which says marriage is between one man and one woman. The amendment to S.3b treats 'relationship status'as equivalent to 'marital status'.The two should be treated as distinct and separate.

'Gender identity 'is vague;how can one person know anothers 'gender identity',as it is a subjective choice and can change from time to time.

'Man' and 'woman' have a real biological meaning,but the replacement words such as 'gender identity'have no definite meaning and thus would lead to confusion rather than certainty.

"Different sex' instead of 'opposite sex' changes the meaning of the sentence;'opposite' means there are two;'different' could mean more that two."Sexual orientation' means that a person is attracted to persons of the same sex,they are not of a 'different sex'.Phrases such as 'gender identity"are vague,and the categories are being added to continuously.

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