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Please find attached an anti-SSM hate pamphlet that I picked up off the ground in Bourke St Mall on Sunday. It contains the same lies and discredited pseudo-science as previous posters and misinformation, including the noose poster the some in the media are now apparently saying possibly never existed. Well I can assure them this pamphlet does!

It appears to be credited to a Peter Herbert. References are listed at a TinyURL that goes here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gchhcb86b3vsn59/NoSSM-A6Pamphlet%2BRefs.pdf?dl=0>

Regards

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sadly the evidence is clear: the children in their care suffer from more anxiety, depression & unhappiness.<sup>16</sup> *“The longer a child has been with same-sex parents, the greater the harm ... opposite-sex marriage is associated with improved outcomes, but same-sex marriage is associated with lower outcomes”* and *“On every measure, well-being for children with same-sex parents is lower if those parents are married than if they are not.”*<sup>17</sup> The causes? Many, including that children are denied living with both a mother and a father - in violation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child, Article 9, which Australia has ratified.

This evidence suggests Same Sex Marriage will give:

- Worse outcomes for more same-sex parented children.
- Worse outcomes for other children who will be taught that same sex sexual practices are acceptable.
- No improvement in mental and physical health for SS couples or children in their care.
- Loss of Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Conscience for anyone who does not agree with Same Sex Marriage. This is likely to result in fines & even prison sentences as in other countries where SSM is legal.<sup>18</sup>
- Higher Health and Welfare costs because it encourages lifestyles known to have worse health outcomes.

**References:** <https://tinyurl.com/SSMPamphletNRefs> has this pamphlet, plus all references. You may download it, make your own copies to letterbox or give to fiends and email to all you contacts. More info: Peter pherbert71@gmail.com. Data used for chart is from Ref 4: “The Unexpected Harm of Same-Sex Marriage” by D. Paul Sullins from the *British Journal of Education, Society & Behavioural Science* 11(2): 1-22, 2015, Article no.BJESBS.19337 ISSN: 2278-0998.

# Same Sex Marriage?

## Yes or NO?

A Respectful Discussion  
Including  
Factual References  
and Opinions

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### 1. Do Same Sex Couples (SSCs) lack rights?

SSCs now enjoy equal rights<sup>1</sup>, but marriage is between a man and a woman<sup>2</sup>. SSCs can adopt children<sup>3</sup> despite evidence that the children are worse off on average.<sup>4</sup>

### 2. Will a right to 'Marry' help Same Sex Couples?

Where Same Sex Marriage (SSM) is legal, very few SSCs marry<sup>5</sup>. When married, the average SSM duration is much shorter than with Opposite Sex Marriage (OSM).<sup>6</sup> SSCs suffer worse mental and physical health than OSCs on average (e.g. higher depression and suicide rates).<sup>7</sup> Where SSM has been accepted for a decade or more, depression and suicide rates have not improved.<sup>8</sup> So are SSC problems due to the lifestyle rather than lack of rights? If so, will legalising SSM help anyone - or make matters worse?

### 3. Will Same Sex Marriage disadvantage anyone?

The proposed legislation allows Marriage Celebrants to refuse to conduct SS marriages<sup>9</sup>, but there is no protection for freedom of speech or conscience for others. Where SSM is legal, significant persecution of anyone who does not agree has followed. E.g. florists, bakers, photographers, government & private employees, wedding venues, parents etc. have been persecuted, heavily fined, sacked or even jailed for trying to live their lives, run their businesses, or bring up children according to their conscientious beliefs.<sup>10</sup> Also it has become compulsory for children, from kindergarten up, to be taught that SSM and SS relationships are normal, even explaining anal sex positions and sex toys to 11-13 year olds, despite parental objections.<sup>11</sup>

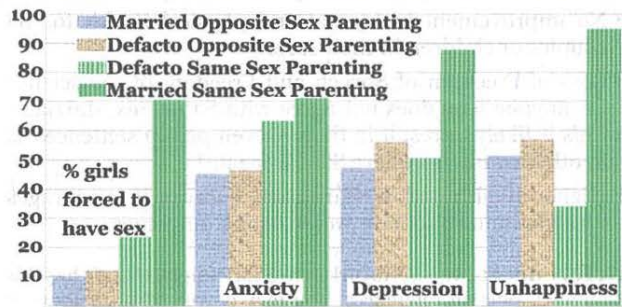
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### 4. Is opposing Same Sex Marriage hate-speech?

No. It encourages people to avoid lifestyles that cause problems for adults and children. It is no different to opposing smoking or encouraging seat-belt use. The motivation is to help people avoid known problems and to reduce the burden on society & taxpayers.

### 5. Are children with Same Sex Parenting any worse off than children with Opposite Sex Parenting?

One claim that children were not disadvantaged<sup>12</sup> was based on the (US) National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health that "*represent(s) U.S. adolescent population with a high degree of precision*". However, despite the small number of SS families studied, the data actually shows that kids in SS families are worse off<sup>13</sup> as shown by these charts:



Girls in SS-Parented households experienced from 2 to 5 times more forced sex than girls in OS-Parented households (abuse is mostly in-family)<sup>14</sup>. While there is no doubt that SSP households love their children dearly, and that SS Married households are more stable than SS Defacto households<sup>15</sup>,