

SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF ENDEAVOUR FORUM INC ON RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN MARRIAGES BILL 2014

The proposed *Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014* is patently a devious attempt by the Greens to impose same-sex "marriage" on Australia. It is common knowledge that this party has consistently pushed for such legislation.

When President Hollande secured the passage of homosexual "marriage" legislation in France in 2013 in defiance of massive public opposition, a large contingent of protesters consisted of homosexuals. A leading spokesman, Jean-Pier Myard, stated that "we must break the silence" about the real nature of the homosexualist movement, noting that many homosexuals "have nothing to do either closely or from a distance with the gay lobby, that has the sole purpose of destroying the family." <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/homosexual-activists-aim-to-destroy-the-family-impose-totalitarianism-gay-p>

Another homosexual, [Doug Mainwaring in an article titled, "I'm Gay and I Oppose Same Sex Marriage" has spoken up for the right of every child to a mother and a father.](#)

Yet another, Richard Waghorne, declared "I have watched with growing irritation as principled opponents of gay marriage have put up with a stream of abuse for explaining their position". <http://richardtwaghorne.wordpress.com/2011/04/05/gay-marriage/>

There is abundant evidence that, wherever homosexual "marriage" has been legalised, any citizens, such as marriage celebrants, caterers, photographers, who declined to participate, have been subjected to severe legal penalties. The same applies to any who have dared to express disagreement, and to parents who objected to their children being indoctrinated with homosexual propaganda at school.

By contrast in Australia at the present time same-sex couples are free to celebrate at a social level commitment ceremonies in which no one is compelled to participate. We have not yet lost our democratic rights to freedom of speech and freedom of conscience.

Only a man and a woman can jointly parent a child. Marriage is nothing less than a bond between parent and child, and links a child to other family relatives, uncles, aunts and grandparents. Changing the definition of marriage to include homosexual couples effectively destroys this bond, which is so important to every individual. It is the right of every child to know and be loved by his or her own natural parents. Children should never be used as pawns in a political game, nor should they be deprived of inter-generational bonds, of knowing their family history on both their mother's and father's side, and of "knowing where they came from". This is part of natural identity to which every child is entitled, and of which they feel deprived if they do not have the information, the links and the contacts.

Homosexual coupling is never the "equal" of marriage any more than mixed doubles in tennis is "equal" to men's doubles or women's doubles. The sexes are not identical, indeed the difference so far as marriage is concerned is far greater than where sport is concerned because homosexual coupling of its nature is sterile and so it is in no sense "equal" to marriage. The Marriage Equality movement is a misnomer, and the push for homosexual marriage is just so that the homosexual political lobby can have a weapon to beat over the head and accuse of bullying, discrimination and "hate speech" anyone who supports the natural definition of marriage which has existed in all cultures and countries over millenia.

Please reject the proposed *Recognition of Foreign Marriages Bill 2014*, which is clearly a devious means to introduce same-sex "marriage".

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