

PETITION
to oppose any changes to the definition of marriage

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:
This petition of the undersigned citizens of Australia draws attention to the House that:

1. the first priority of the Parliament should be to protect our vulnerable children. Legalising same-sex marriage will enable homosexuals to legally promote their behavior as normal, to our children in schools, with freedom of speech being denied to opponents. This and more has already happened in Massachusetts, where homosexual marriage has been legal for 10 years.
2. children have the right to be raised by their mother and father, wherever possible.
3. India and Nigeria have reversed their laws on homosexual behavior, it being detrimental to children and culture, while 10 of 13 of the EU's newest nations reject homosexual marriage.
4. the less than 3% homosexual community should not have the right to impose their views regarding marriage, on the 97% heterosexual population;
5. homosexual claims to equal marriage rights are spurious, as participants and practices are different to that of man/woman marriage, and may undermine personal and community wellbeing.

We therefore ask the House to oppose any proposed amendment to the definition of marriage as "the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life".