

The Case for **No Change** to Australia's Marriage Law

Australia's Existing Marriage Law

*Marriage means the union of a man and a woman
to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.*

Biblical Mandate

When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert to disobey God's ways his simple answer was: "*It is written...*" For followers of Jesus the final arbiter on the questions of life is the written word of God. As Australia's existing marriage law is already aligned with the Biblical definition of marriage, followers of Jesus should vote for **NO Change** in this marriage plebiscite.

Genesis 2:24, God's word spoken by Moses:

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24 NIV)

Matthew 19:4-5, God's word spoken by Jesus:

Haven't you read," he (Jesus) replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. (Matthew 19:4-6 NIV)

But Don't We Live in a Pluralistic Society?

It is written: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. Scripture teaches us that: *the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it* (Psalm 24:1 NIV). The laws of God never change no matter what culture is in vogue. In the end, everyone is accountable to God for what they have done with their life and how they have responded to his grace towards them. Jesus wants every Australian to love God and know the freedom and joy of following his ways.

Aren't Some People Born that Way?

While empathising with the issue of same sex attraction, Dr Neil Whitehead, PhD reports that eight major studies of identical twins in Australia, the U.S., and Scandinavia during the last two decades all arrive at the same conclusion: gays were not born that way.¹

Shouldn't We Love Homosexual People?

The Bible is very clear that we are to love all people as made in the image of God - but we are not to engage in, nor support, behaviours that are offensive to God ([Romans 1:18-32](#)).

Why is Marriage Between One Man and One Woman so Important?

- Marriage between a man and a woman has been the bedrock of families & societies for thousands of years across all cultures and

religions and is honoured by the over whelming majority of people and faiths:

- Only 24 out of 196 countries have legalised same sex marriage ([Pew Research](#)).
- Who you love is not always a basis for marriage as with familial boundaries etc.
- Mothers and fathers have significant and different roles that are needed in the life of a child wherever possible.
- Should we create a generation of children who are legally denied knowledge of their genetic family and one of their parents at birth?

But Aren't LGBTIQ People Subject to Injustice Under Existing Law?

No, not at all. Australian laws were changed in 2008 to remove discrimination against gay and lesbian people.

You can't legislate to make different relationships equal, for example a trade union and a business. We are meant to benefit from the differences.

In Australia, we have three kinds of relationships for different situations. All these relationships have the same rights and benefits:

- **Defacto** relationships for unmarried men and women who live together
- **Civil Unions** in five states for gay and lesbian couples who live together
- **Marriage** for a man and a woman who voluntarily and exclusively live together.

In Fact, SSM Produces Injustice

- From 2016 Australian census data only about 1% of couples are same-sex couples. The number of Australians who identify as homosexual is 1.2%.² This is similar overseas – for example, UK data shows only about 1.1% of the population identified as gay or lesbian.³
- So why instigate a huge unproven social engineering experiment that will disaffect and cause loss of freedoms to 99% of the population?

Ten Ways SSM Ideology Will Impact Every Australian with Serious Consequences

1. Denial of children in Same Sex Marriages the right to either a mum or a dad.
2. Illustrative story: **Out from Under** by Dawn Stefanowicz is a gripping read about one child's traumatic eyewitness accounts in the home and subcultures and her desperate emotions, nightmares, and sexual confusion as she struggles with the impact of homosexuality. Read the evidence given to the US Supreme Court on the impact of SSM on children.⁴
3. Gender Ideology which comes from the same stable as SSM activism harms children. The American College of Pediatricians urges healthcare professionals, educators and legislators to reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex. Facts – not ideology – determine reality.⁵
4. SSM promotes homosexual and gender fluidity ideology in schools without parental approval or opt out options. This results in rapid increase in unnecessary gender confusion in children.

5. Same Sex Marriage promotes commercial surrogacy because homosexual relationships cannot produce babies naturally.
6. Supporters of traditional marriage will suffer fines and penalties for non-compliance with politically correct rulings in human rights commissions and courts.
7. Demands for politically correct language and ideas oppose freedom of speech and results in injustice to people who believe in marriage as between a man and a woman.⁶
8. SSM is part of a Marxist agenda that wants to destroy the traditional nuclear family that has been the core of civil societies for centuries.
9. Employment, job security and promotion are under threat for any non-supporter of SSM.
10. Loss of Freedom of Religion will affect what pastors and ministers will be able to preach, what schools will be able to teach, and how Australians will be able to conduct their businesses in accordance with their beliefs.⁷

Serious Health Issues

Whether homosexual or heterosexual, sodomy and promiscuity seriously raises the risk of HIV/AIDS, Cancer, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and damage to the rectum. The sexualisation of children in schools multiplies serious health risks with reductions to life expectancy.⁸

LGBTIQ Demand Tolerance but Give None

A SSM activist took Bishop Julian Porteous to the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission over a booklet on Biblical marriage. SSM activists have opposed freedom of speech with threats and protests at many traditional marriage events.

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