

# A Marriage Manifesto



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We believe marriage to be the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

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We believe marriage to be the commitment before God and society between a man and a woman to live together honourably in a lasting, loving, lifelong, faithful relationship.

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We believe this to be the best basis for the rearing of children and that all children should have a mother and a father.

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We believe marriage and family to be the basis of a healthy society and civilisation.

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We believe these things to be attested to by history, in accord with ingrained values, and current social scientific evidence.

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We believe that any weakening of this institution also weakens society and we acknowledge with regret the weakening that has already come with the sexual revolution.

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We believe there are innate differences between male and female sexuality and that society celebrates these differences in spite of those who deny they exist. The intrinsic beauty and appreciation of the female face and form is recognised and extolled in art and literature in all societies by both men and women alike. Likewise the strength of the male form is extolled in art and literature.

No amount of social engineering will ever change this, nor do we believe that the mainstream of Australian society wishes for such change. We believe these gender differences to be God-given and to form the basis for sexual expression within marriage.

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We are opposed to any influence or agenda that seeks society approval for sexual relationships outside of marriage whether they be homosexual, bisexual, incestuous, or with multiple partners. In particular we are opposed to moves to gain legislative approval for such activities.

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These agendas will be advanced in the name of tolerance, the right to personal freedom for all forms of sexual behaviour and the right not to be discriminated against. We are aware of moves to advance some of these agendas and to label society as intolerant, 'phobic', and lacking compassion if even discomfort is expressed. And we, as a society, have already begun to be silent and to accept what was once thought unthinkable.

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We believe that endorsement of same sex marriage will inevitably lead to moves to legitimise other forms of 'marriage' and definition of family e.g. as has now occurred in Holland with one man marrying two wives.

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We believe that the motivation behind the push for same sex marriage is varied. It includes community approval and 'respectability'; the right to push homosexuality as a valid sexual lifestyle (no longer 'alternative') with a particular emphasis in 'educating' children and encouraging sexual expression and gender preferences at an early age; and the destruction of marriage and family as we have known it. Marriage has been – and still is – a constant thorn reminding homosexuals that their sexual practice is aberrant.

In believing that all children should have a mother and a father we consider the evidence to be clear that children brought up in single-sex households are more likely to have significant adjustment and behaviour problems than those brought up with a mother and a father. We are aware that many such households exist through circumstance rather than choice and of the need for appropriate support.

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We believe that in order to protect our children's future we need to resist the push for same sex marriage, and we look to our members of parliament to uphold and honour marriage as currently defined in Australia, and resist all moves to weaken it. We believe strong and courageous action is required to preserve this most fundamental unit of society for the future of our nation.