



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

PETITION

In support of Marriage as currently defined in the *Marriage Act (1961)*

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Senate in Parliament assembled:

Noting the following:

- that marriage is currently defined in the *Marriage Act (1961)* as being ‘... *the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life,*’ each element of which is essential to the integrity of marriage and each of which was inserted into the *Marriage Act* on a bipartisan basis in 2004;
- that marriage is one of the great institutions on which our society is built;
- that marriage provides for a stable family and is the umbrella under which children are nurtured and grow; and
- that marriage is worthy of protection and support;

We, the undersigned petitioners, call on the Senate to support the definition of marriage as currently contained within the *Marriage Act (1961)*

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