

## SAME-SEX MARRIAGE - A BIG ISSUE CONFRONTING OUR SOCIETY TODAY

Our Christian response to this issue of same-sex marriage is the Bible, upon which authority we base our belief in. The Bible teaches that when God created the world, He ordained marriage as a union between A MAN AND A WOMAN. Out of this union would originate the natural procreation of their offsprings. This is God's plan of procreation for mankind. Same-sex marriage was not in His plan of creation or procreation. This manner of union does not please Him.

God loves all mankind. [“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son \(Jesus\), that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16.](#) God wants to show you His truth and His way through Jesus. You can find out more about Jesus and God's love for you by reading the Bible, and by meeting believers of our Christian faith in the church.

It is right to defend, preserve and protect traditional marriage that God has instituted for mankind from the beginning of time, because this institution has been the bedrock of civilisations, and because of our love for Him. The introduction of same-sex marriage would weaken and devalue traditional marriage. Before long, traditional marriage would become irrelevant to society, and this would be a monumental, detrimental and irreversible loss that society should never be complicit in.

Same-sex marriage, if ever legalised, will bring grave harm and injustice to our society through generations to come. Our freedoms of speech, conscience and religious belief would be under threat as a result.. To find out more about these repercussions, you can look up websites of responsible organisations as given herewith, for their comprehensive coverage and updates on the topic. These organisations are: The Australian Family Association; Australian Marriage Forum; Family Voice Australia; Australian Christian Lobby; Salt Shakers Incorporated and quite a few others.

[In the coming election on July 2, it is of the utmost importance that you consider carefully the following points before casting your vote:](#)

1. If you vote for the Christian Democratic Party (CDP), your voice would be heard by the Liberal Party because CDP is an ally of the Liberal Party. (Please note that if you vote “1” for the CDP party in the Senate ballot paper, you will be voting for a candidate dedicated to fight for your family and traditional marriage values).
2. If you vote for the Liberal Party, and it wins the election, you will have the chance to state your objection to same-sex marriage in a plebiscite that the Liberal Party has promised all citizens of this country. This plebiscite is to be conducted sometime after the election.
3. If you vote for the Greens Party, this party will push for the legalisation of same-sex marriage.
4. If you vote for the Labour Party, and it wins the election, it will proceed to legalise same-sex marriage within 100 days of winning government. They have openly stated that it is their party policy to legalise same-sex marriage.

## 同性婚姻-我们社会正在面对的一个重大议题

面对同性婚姻这个议题，基督徒是本著圣经去回应，因我们的信仰是基於圣经的权威。圣经告诉我们，当上帝创造世界时，祂命定婚姻为一男一女的结合；藉由这创始和自然的结合产生他们的後代。这是上帝繁衍人类的计划。同性婚姻在这计划之外；这样的结合不能得到上帝的喜悦！

上帝爱全人类，正如圣经告诉我们：「上帝爱世人，甚至将祂的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信祂的，不致灭亡，反得永生。」（约翰福音3:16）。上帝藉著耶稣基督把祂的真理和道路指示你。从阅读圣经，你可以更多认识耶稣和上帝的爱；也可以到教会参加聚会认识基督徒的信仰。

传统婚姻一直是人类文明的基石，也因著爱上帝，我们义无反顾地捍卫和保存在创世之初上帝为人类制定的婚姻制度！

同性婚姻的引进，削弱和降低了传统婚姻的价值；不需很长时日，传统婚姻会被视为不切合於社会而被否定，其结果是导致不可逆转、遗害无穷的损失，是社会绝不应容忍而成为共谋的！

若同性婚姻合法化，会即时带给社会延绵不绝的祸害和不公义；导致我们的言论自由、良心和宗教信仰都受到压制。要瞭解更多有关这些影响，可以查阅下列一些肯背负社会良心责任的组织所设置的网站，看他们更全面的报导和持续更新的主题资讯。这些机构为：

The Australian Family Association澳洲家庭协会；Australian Marriage Forum澳大利亚婚姻论坛；Family Voice Australia 家庭的声音；Australian Christian Lobby澳洲基督教遊说；Salt Shakers Incorporated盐罐团，还有好几个。

在 7 月 2 日即将举行的澳洲联邦大选，最重要的是在投你的一票前，仔细考虑以下情况：

你看重传统婚姻制度及道德伦理价值观念，请你把House of Representative(众议院) 和 Senate(参议院) 两张选票都投给基督民主党 Christian Democratic Party(CDP)。

1. 如果你投给 基督民主党Christian Democratic Party。CDP是自由党的盟友，可让他们清楚知道你是反对同性婚姻。（请注意：建议你在参议院和众议院候选人中给你选区的 CDP代表们投予最优先的次序。你亦可以在那长长的参议院Senate选票，在那粗横线的上部，将” 1” 投给 CDP）。
2. 如果你投票给自由党而他们在选举中赢得了政府，在他们承诺的同性婚姻全民公投，将有机会给你表达反对同性婚姻。如果他们守信，这公民投票是在联邦选举後才进行。
3. 如果你投票给全心推行同性婚姻的 绿党Greens Party(GP)。GP将会推动同性婚姻立法。
4. 如果你投票给工党，当工党赢得政府，就会为同性婚姻进行立法。工党已宣称在他们赢得政府的 100 天内要将同性婚姻合法化。