



5 REASONS I WILL BE VOTING **NO** TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Redefining marriage will affect every Australian. Overseas experience suggests that legalising same-sex marriage may well result in a loss of freedom in five key areas:

1

Freedom of RELIGION

No protections have been offered to allow individuals to hold, teach and practise their faith about marriage, nor to other faith-based institutions.

2

Freedom of SPEECH

People's right to speak freely is endangered if they can be dragged before anti-discrimination tribunals, fined or fired for speaking in favour of real marriage.

3

Freedom of EDUCATION

Faith-based schools may no longer be free to teach what their church teaches regarding marriage and sex; parents in state schools may not be able to remove their children from radical gender programmes.

4

Freedom of ASSOCIATION

People's rights to associate freely are endangered if they can be sacked or persecuted in the workplace, meeting venues denied to them, or their businesses boycotted or fined, for being pro-marriage.

5

Freedom of EMPLOYMENT

No protections have been offered to employees from being harassed at work into supporting same-sex marriages.

"Things will be much worse if same-sex marriage becomes the law of the land.

You can join with me to stop this happening by voting no in the postal plebiscite."



TO STAND WITH POPE FRANCIS IS TO VOTE NO

Same-sex marriage would be
“ a step backwards for humanity. ”

Pope Francis insists that each of the spouses
“ contributes in a distinct way to the upbringing of a child. Respecting a child’s dignity means affirming his or her need and natural right to have a mother and a father. ”

“ Confusing presentations of sexuality and marriage disfigure God’s plan for creation, deny children their natural rights, harm individuals and communities, and must be resisted. ”

Quotes from Pope Francis in: Address to the European Bishops, 3 October 2014; Address to the International Colloquium on the Complementarity of Man and Woman, 17 November 2014; Address to the European Parliament, 25 November 2014; Address to the Filipino Authorities, 16 January 2015; *Amoris Laetitia*: Exhortation on Love in the Family (2016); Address to John Paul II Institute, 27 October 2016; cf. Edward Pentin, ‘Pope repeats that same-sex ‘marriage’ is “anthropological regression’ National Catholic Register, 3 January 2014.

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