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It is ironic as we are about to celebrate National Marriage Week that the non-compulsory, non-binding postal vote for Same Sex Marriage has been given the green light. Every registered voter has an opportunity to have a say, and we would encourage all of our supporters to be well informed as you cast your vote.

As a Christian ministry, we believe what the Bible says that we have been 'created in His image, male and female'. Jesus also 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'. We believe that marriage is between a man and a woman. We therefore firmly support traditional marriage. We are proud to be part of the Coalition for Marriage. We would encourage you to visit www.coalitionformarriage.com.au to be informed and consider how you can be involved.

As we face this vote, it is important to understand that changing the definition of marriage has far-reaching implications for the make-up of our society - freedom of speech, freedom of religion and gender diversity being taught in our schools to name a few. However, Focus on the Family has a history of reflecting God's heart for everyone including those that have contrary beliefs to our own, constantly advocating for the child and healthy relationships in all circumstances.

Focus continues to be a trusted resource in strengthening relationships and families. We are proud to be a supporter of the National Marriage Week (Sept. 10-16th) and have put together a Marriage Tool Box www.families.org.au/marriage-toolbox.

Please pass this onto family and friends to encourage, empower and equip them to have the best marriage they can have. At the same time, Focus continues to show empathy for marriages that are strained and in crisis. If we can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1300 300 361 or response@families.org.au.

Helping families thrive,

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