I understand that the Equal Opportunities Committee is considering same sex marriage and I have some views on the subject. I understand that this legislation is driven by a desire for equality and human rights, but marriage is not about rights or equality it is about responsibility for the children of that marriage. It is for a man and a woman to commit to each other for life so that they do not have children by other partners to the detriment of their legitimate children. As same sex couples cannot have children naturally same sex marriage is pointless, they can of course adopt but in that case we must consider the rights of the child, surely a child has a right to a normal upbringing with a father and mother. In this hedonistic society where everyone is concerned about their rights who stands up for the rights of the unborn child? Surely that is the responsibility of parliament. Do children not deserve equality?

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