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**From:** Christine Downie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2011 4:38 PM  
**To:** Legal Affairs Police Corrective Services and Emerg Svc Committee  
**Subject:** Private Members Civil Partnerships Bill.  
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Dear Research Officer,

I am a mother of 8 children who has spent 30 years parenting my children, I have watched as marriage has been eroded time and again by ridiculous laws, the latest being Andrew Fraser's Private members Civil Partnership Bill. The late Lionel Murphy brought in the Bill that saw divorce skyrocket and the sanctity of marriage attacked by the introduction of legal de-facto couples. This has led to a huge rise of fatherless children, one parent "families" etc which has already had a terrible impact on the following generations. So many studies have been done on what is the best for children and it has been reinforced time and time again that children thrive best in a family unit consisting of a mother and father. This latest Bill is being driven once again by a minority group of people and being pushed by a man who sees it as a vote catcher. This is not being done for the benefit of families or the stability of children and therefore society at large. From the information I am reading many of those in same sex relationships have declared that they would not get married even if the bill were passed, which makes me question who is actually pushing for this in the first place.

This Bill is not for the good of society and seems to be getting pushed along by a very vocal minority group that is politically motivated, it should be voted down by all family minded people and never raised again. If this gets passed, what's next? Incest, Paedophile relationships given the go ahead to be legalised?

In the Interest of marriage and family this Bill needs to be rejected.

Yours Sincerely  
Christine Downie