

22 July 2010

### ***Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples) Bill 2010***

On 21 June, a Bill was introduced into NSW Parliament to change the definition of “couple” in the NSW Adoption Act to include same-sex couples. It is likely that all NSW MPs will have a conscience vote on this Bill. The Bill is due to be debated when Parliament resumes after the winter recess (31 August).

- The principle of **the best interests of the child** requires the law to recognise the fundamental right of children to be raised by a mother and a father, wherever possible. This Bill, if passed, would deny a child this right and deliberately deprive them of the experience of either mothering or fathering.
- This Bill further threatens the right of Catholic and other church agencies to provide valuable and much-needed adoption services to the community.
- Following an inquiry which received a majority of submissions supporting the right of children to be raised by a mother and a father, and a petition of over 8700 New South Wales citizens urging Parliament to protect this right, the Minister for Community Services, Linda Burney, commented that ***“as a result of these concerns, the government is not satisfied there is broad enough community support to justify new state legislation [allowing same-sex adoption] at this stage.”*** (6 January, 2010). Community feeling on this issue has not changed in the six months since January, and we are deeply concerned that the NSW Parliament is ignoring the clearly expressed values of the community on this matter.

The campaign against this Bill is not an attack on homosexual persons, nor does it seek to devalue the love and commitment of single parents who are raising their children, often in difficult circumstances. **However, we need to protect the right of every child to be raised by a mother and a father to the fullest extent that this is possible.**

Please find a few minutes to write three or four short letters or emails to the Premier, the Minister for Community Services and your State Members of Parliament (a list of both Lower and Upper House MPs [is attached](#)) calling on them not to support this Bill.

The postal addresses for the letters (or email addresses if you wish to send an email) are as follows:

- The Honourable Kristina Keneally MP  
Premier, and Minister for Redfern Waterloo  
Level 40  
Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000  
[premier@www.nsw.gov.au](mailto:premier@www.nsw.gov.au)
- The Honourable Linda Burney MP  
Minister for Community Services  
Level 30  
Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000  
[Linda.burney@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Linda.burney@parliament.nsw.gov.au)
- Mr/Mrs/Ms XXX MP (your local Member)  
State Member for XXX (your electorate)  
- please find attached a list of NSW MPs and their email addresses, for your information

Thank you for your co-operation and support.



Chris Meney  
Director  
Life, Marriage and Family Centre  
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Level 11, Polding Centre  
133 Liverpool St, Sydney 2000  
T: 02 9390 5283  
F: 02 9390 5288  
E: [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org)

## NSW Upper House Members of Parliament

*Address for members of the Legislative Council:*

**c/- Legislative Council,  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
Sydney 2000**

*Email:*

**[firstname.surname@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firstname.surname@parliament.nsw.gov.au)**

The Hon John Ajaka MLC	9230 2111	The Hon Charlie Lynn MLC	9230 3362
The Hon Robert Brown MLC	9230 3059	The Hon Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	9230 3572
The Hon Antonio Catanzariti MLC	9230 2837	The Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC	9230 2526
The Hon David Clarke MLC	9230 2260	The Hon Rev Dr Gordon Moyes MLC	9230 3340
The Hon Ian Cohen MLC	9230 2603	The Hon Rev Fred Nile MLC	9230 2478
The Hon Richard Colless MLC	9230 2344	The Hon Edward Obeid MLC	9230 3474
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	9230 2915	The Hon Robyn Parker MLC	9230 3332
The Hon John Della Bosca MLC	9230 2694	The Hon Melinda Pavey MLC	9230 2977
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	9230 2280	The Hon Gregory Pearce MLC	9230 2428
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	9230 3593	The Hon Peter Primrose MLC	9228 5451
The Hon Marie Ficarra MLC	9230 2894	The Hon Christine Robertson MLC	9230 2971
The Hon Luke Foley MLC	9230 3451	The Hon John Robertson MLC	9228 5661
The Hon Michael Gallacher MLC	9230 2303	The Hon Eric Roozendaal MLC	9228 3535
The Hon Jennifer Gardiner MLC	9230 2903	The Hon Penelope Sharpe MLC	9230 2741
The Hon Duncan Gay MLC	9230 2329	The Hon Roy Smith MLC	9230 2850
The Hon Kayee Griffin MLC	9230 2040	The Hon Michael Veitch MLC	9230 2111
The Hon Sylvia Hale MLC	9230 3030	The Hon Linda Voltz MLC	9230 2111
The Hon Donald Harwin MLC	9230 3519	The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	9230 2043
The Hon John Hatzistergos MLC	9228 4977	The Hon Ian West MLC	9230 2052
The Hon Dr John Kaye MLC	9230 2668		
The Hon Anthony Kelly MLC	9228 3999		
The Hon Trevor Khan MLC	9230 3491		

## NSW Lower House Members of Parliament

NO	ELECTORATE	NAME of MP	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
1	Albury	Greg Aplin	6021 3042	<a href="mailto:albury@parliament.nsw.gov.au">albury@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
2	Auburn	Barbara Perry	9644 6972	<a href="mailto:auburn@parliament.nsw.gov.au">auburn@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
3	Ballina	Donald Page	6686 7522	<a href="mailto:ballina@parliament.nsw.gov.au">ballina@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
4	Balmain	Verity Firth	9660 7586	<a href="mailto:balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au">balmain@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
5	Bankstown	Tony Stewart	9708 3838	<a href="mailto:bankstown@parliament.nsw.gov.au">bankstown@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
6	Barwon	Kevin Humphries	6752 5002	<a href="mailto:barwon@parliament.nsw.gov.au">barwon@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
7	Bathurst	Gerard Martin	6331 1555	<a href="mailto:bathurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au">bathurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
8	Baulkham Hills	Wayne Merton	9686 3110	<a href="mailto:baulkhamhills@parliament.nsw.gov.au">baulkhamhills@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
9	Bega	Andrew Constance	6492 2056	<a href="mailto:bega@parliament.nsw.gov.au">bega@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
10	Blacktown	Paul Gibson	9671 5222	<a href="mailto:blacktown@parliament.nsw.gov.au">blacktown@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
11	Blue Mountains	Phil Koperberg	4751 3298	<a href="mailto:bluemountains@parliament.nsw.gov.au">bluemountains@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
12	Burrinjuck	Katrina Hodgkinson	6226 3311	<a href="mailto:burrinjuck@parliament.nsw.gov.au">burrinjuck@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
13	Cabramatta	Nick Lalich	9724 3381	<a href="mailto:cabramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au">cabramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
14	Camden	Geoff Corrigan	4655 3333	<a href="mailto:camden@parliament.nsw.gov.au">camden@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
15	Campbelltown	Graham West	4625 3344	<a href="mailto:campbelltown@parliament.nsw.gov.au">campbelltown@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
16	Canterbury	Linda Burney	9718 1234	<a href="mailto:canterbury@parliament.nsw.gov.au">canterbury@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
17	Castle Hill	Michael Richardson	9634 7474	<a href="mailto:castlehill@parliament.nsw.gov.au">castlehill@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
18	Cessnock	Kerry Hickey	4991 1466	<a href="mailto:cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au">cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
19	Charlestown	Matthew Morris	4942 1242	<a href="mailto:charlestown@parliament.nsw.gov.au">charlestown@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
20	Clarence	Steve Cansdell	6643 1244	<a href="mailto:clarence@parliament.nsw.gov.au">clarence@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
21	Coffs Harbour	Andrew Fraser	6652 6500	<a href="mailto:coffsharbour@parliament.nsw.gov.au">coffsharbour@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
22	Coogee	Paul Pearce	9389 6669	<a href="mailto:coogee@parliament.nsw.gov.au">coogee@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
23	Cronulla	Malcolm Kerr	9526 8377	<a href="mailto:cronulla@parliament.nsw.gov.au">cronulla@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
24	Davidson	Jonathan O'Dea	9880 7400	<a href="mailto:davidson@parliament.nsw.gov.au">davidson@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
25	Drummoyne	Angela D'Amore	9713 2999	<a href="mailto:drummoyne@parliament.nsw.gov.au">drummoyne@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
26	Dubbo	Dawn Fardell	6882 3577	<a href="mailto:dubbo@parliament.nsw.gov.au">dubbo@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
27	East Hills	Alan Ashton	9772 2774	<a href="mailto:easthills@parliament.nsw.gov.au">easthills@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
28	Epping	Greg Smith	9877 0266	<a href="mailto:epping@parliament.nsw.gov.au">epping@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
29	Fairfield	Joseph Tripodi	9726 9323	<a href="mailto:fairfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au">fairfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
30	Gosford	Marie Andrews	4342 4122	<a href="mailto:gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au">gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
31	Goulburn	Pru Goward	4861 3623	<a href="mailto:goulburn@parliament.nsw.gov.au">goulburn@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>

32	Granville	David Borger	9637 1656	<a href="mailto:granville@parliament.nsw.gov.au">granville@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
33	Hawkesbury	Ray Williams	8882 9555	<a href="mailto:hawkesbury@parliament.nsw.gov.au">hawkesbury@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
34	Heathcote	Paul McLeay	9548 0144	<a href="mailto:heathcote@parliament.nsw.gov.au">heathcote@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
35	Heffron	Kristina Keneally	9699 8166	<a href="mailto:heffron@parliament.nsw.gov.au">heffron@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
36	Hornsby	Judy Hopwood	9476 3411	<a href="mailto:hornsby@parliament.nsw.gov.au">hornsby@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
37	Keira	David Campbell	4285 1588	<a href="mailto:keira@parliament.nsw.gov.au">keira@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
38	Kiama	Matt Brown	4232 1082	<a href="mailto:kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au">kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
39	Kogarah	Cherie Burton	9587 9684	<a href="mailto:kogarah@parliament.nsw.gov.au">kogarah@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
40	Ku-ring-gai	Barry O'Farrell	9487 8588	<a href="mailto:kuringgai@parliament.nsw.gov.au">kuringgai@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
41	Lake Macquarie	Greg Piper	4959 3200	<a href="mailto:lakemacquarie@parliament.nsw.gov.au">lakemacquarie@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
42	Lakemba	Robert Furolo	9584 1788	<a href="mailto:lakemba@parliament.nsw.gov.au">lakemba@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
43	Lane Cove	Anthony Roberts	9817 4757	<a href="mailto:lanecove@parliament.nsw.gov.au">lanecove@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
44	Lismore	Thomas George	6621 3624	<a href="mailto:lismore@parliament.nsw.gov.au">lismore@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
45	Liverpool	Paul Lynch	9602 0040	<a href="mailto:liverpool@parliament.nsw.gov.au">liverpool@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
46	Londonderry	Allan Shearan	9833 1122	<a href="mailto:londonderry@parliament.nsw.gov.au">londonderry@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
47	Macquarie Fields	Andrew McDonald	9608 8991	<a href="mailto:macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au">macquariefields@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
48	Maitland	Frank Terenzini	4933 1617	<a href="mailto:maitland@parliament.nsw.gov.au">maitland@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
49	Manly	Mike Baird	9976 2773	<a href="mailto:manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au">manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
50	Maroubra	Michael Daley	9228 5665	<a href="mailto:maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au">maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
51	Marrickville	Carmel Tebbutt	9558 9000	<a href="mailto:marrickville@parliament.nsw.gov.au">marrickville@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
52	Menai	Alison Megarrity	9825 3653	<a href="mailto:menai@parliament.nsw.gov.au">menai@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
53	Miranda	Barry Collier	9525 6378	<a href="mailto:miranda@parliament.nsw.gov.au">miranda@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
54	Monaro	Steve Whan	6299 4899	<a href="mailto:monaro@parliament.nsw.gov.au">monaro@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
55	Mount Druitt	Richard Amery	9625 6770	<a href="mailto:mountdruitt@parliament.nsw.gov.au">mountdruitt@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
56	Mulgoa	Diane Beamer	9833 2913	<a href="mailto:mulgoa@parliament.nsw.gov.au">mulgoa@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
57	Murray-Darling	John Williams	8087 3315	<a href="mailto:murraydarling@parliament.nsw.gov.au">murraydarling@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
58	Murrumbidgee	Adrian Piccoli	6962 6644	<a href="mailto:murrumbidgee@parliament.nsw.gov.au">murrumbidgee@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
59	Myall Lakes	John Turner	6555 4099	<a href="mailto:myalllakes@parliament.nsw.gov.au">myalllakes@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
60	Newcastle	Jodi McKay	4926 1126	<a href="mailto:newcastle@parliament.nsw.gov.au">newcastle@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
61	North Shore	Jillian Skinner	9909 2594	<a href="mailto:northshore@parliament.nsw.gov.au">northshore@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
62	Northern Tablelands	Richard Torbay	6772 5552	<a href="mailto:northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au">northerntablelands@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
63	Oatley	Kevin Greene	9580 9349	<a href="mailto:oatley@parliament.nsw.gov.au">oatley@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
64	Orange	Russell Turner	6362 5199	<a href="mailto:orange@parliament.nsw.gov.au">orange@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
65	Oxley	Andrew Stoner	6562 6190	<a href="mailto:oxley@parliament.nsw.gov.au">oxley@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
66	Parramatta	Tanya Gadiel	9891 4722	<a href="mailto:parramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au">parramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>

67	Penrith	Stuart Ayres	4722 8660	<a href="mailto:penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au">penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
68	Pittwater	Rob Stokes	9999 3599	<a href="mailto:pittwater@parliament.nsw.gov.au">pittwater@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
69	Port Macquarie	Peter Besseling	6584 0977	<a href="mailto:portmacquarie@parliament.nsw.gov.au">portmacquarie@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
70	Port Stephens	Craig Baumann	4987 4455	<a href="mailto:portstephens@parliament.nsw.gov.au">portstephens@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
71	Riverstone	John Aquilina	8883 3499	<a href="mailto:riverstone@parliament.nsw.gov.au">riverstone@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
72	Rockdale	Frank Sartor	9597 1414	<a href="mailto:rockdale@parliament.nsw.gov.au">rockdale@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
73	Ryde	Victor Dominello	9808 3288	<a href="mailto:ryde@parliament.nsw.gov.au">ryde@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
74	Shellharbour	Lylea McMahon	4297 3144	<a href="mailto:shellharbour@parliament.nsw.gov.au">shellharbour@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
75	Smithfield	Ninos Khoshaba	9756 4766	<a href="mailto:smithfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au">smithfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
76	South Coast	Shelley Hancock	4421 0222	<a href="mailto:southcoast@parliament.nsw.gov.au">southcoast@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
77	Strathfield	Virginia Judge	9747 1711	<a href="mailto:strathfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au">strathfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
78	Swansea	Robert Coombs	4972 1133	<a href="mailto:swansea@parliament.nsw.gov.au">swansea@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
79	Sydney	Clover Moore	9360 3053	<a href="mailto:sydney@parliament.nsw.gov.aun">sydney@parliament.nsw.gov.aun</a>
80	Tamworth	Peter Draper	6766 1422	<a href="mailto:tamworth@parliament.nsw.gov.au">tamworth@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
81	Terrigal	Chris Hartcher	4365 1906	<a href="mailto:terrigan@parliament.nsw.gov.au">terrigan@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
82	The Entrance	Grant McBride	4334 1012	<a href="mailto:theentrance@parliament.nsw.gov.au">theentrance@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
83	Toongabbie	Nathan Rees	9831 8022	<a href="mailto:toongabbie@parliament.nsw.gov.au">toongabbie@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
84	Tweed	Geoff Provest	5523 4816	<a href="mailto:tweed@parliament.nsw.gov.au">tweed@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
85	Upper Hunter	George Souris	6543 1065	<a href="mailto:upperhunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au">upperhunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
86	Vaucluse	Peter Debnam	9369 3017	<a href="mailto:vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au">vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
87	Wagga Wagga	Daryl Maguire	6921 1622	<a href="mailto:waggawagga@parliament.nsw.gov.au">waggawagga@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
88	Wakehurst	Brad Hazzard	9981 1111	<a href="mailto:wakehurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au">wakehurst@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
89	Wallsend	Sonia Hornery	4950 0955	<a href="mailto:wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au">wallsend@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
90	Willoughby	Gladys Berejiklian	9439 4199	<a href="mailto:willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au">willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
91	Wollondilly	Philip Costa	4683 2622	<a href="mailto:wollondilly@parliament.nsw.gov.au">wollondilly@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
92	Wollongong	Noreen Hay	4226 5700	<a href="mailto:wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au">wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>
93	Wyong	David Harris	4397 1000	<a href="mailto:wyong@parliament.nsw.gov.au">wyong@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a>