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<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/southwest/same-sex-marriage-supporters-critical-of-brisbane-church-billboard/news-story/240c1a37342c85ee0d50ecea0e6f2513>

The Australian government is conducting a postal vote on so-called same-sex marriage. You guessed it, 'A BILLBOARD outside a Brisbane church has sparked outrage ahead of the same-sex marriage vote. The Bellbowrie Community Church posted the sign: "God designed marriage between a man & a woman"'. Saying the truth certainly caused a stir in the community in which this church is located.



<http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/gay-marriage/why-christians-should-support-same-sex-marriage/news-story/b4e6309209895d67561b2d283ed26759>

An Anglican priest said that "AS SOMEONE who believes in unity and community, the divisions between the various sections of the church have always bothered me deeply. Even so, as I now witness these same fragmented bodies coming together with single-minded unity of purpose, I find myself appalled rather than encouraged.



Why did it have to be opposition to same-sex marriage that brought us together? Why couldn't it have been support for asylum-seekers?

Indeed, it's not only Anglicans and Catholics and Protestant Christians that are banding together to uphold the traditional definition of marriage. Most of my Muslim friends seem to have joined the same chorus.

I'd be tempted to say that every colour of the religious rainbow is represented in this coalition, except that I'm not sure that the metaphor can bear such irony.

Why is it that religious people in this country are so passionate on this issue? In the case of the church, my guess is that it's a part of our traditional obsession with sex." One doesn't have to imagine what this man preaches or what he doesn't!

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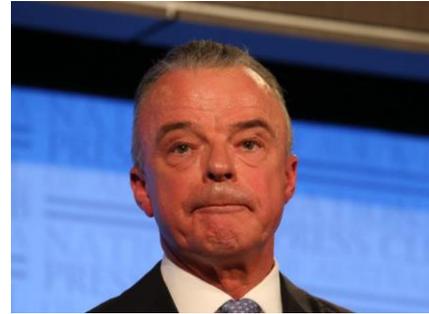
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‘FORMER Liberal Party leader Brendan Nelson has called on voters to look at the same-sex marriage debate through the eyes of LGBTI Australians while recalling the tragic death of his brother from AIDS.

Dr Nelson has also distanced himself from the warnings of other former Liberal leaders John Howard and Tony Abbott that religious freedoms were at stake if same-sex marriage was made legal.’ There isn’t much difference anymore between the Liberals (supposedly conservatives) and the Labor Party (not conservative).



<http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/gay-marriage/prominent-businessman-roger-corbett-comes-out-against-samesex-marriage-in-a-bizarre-interview/news-story/0da6359ee0bfc554ae8d8630356569c8#null>

A ‘PROMINENT business figure Roger Corbett has come out against same-sex marriage in a bizarre television interview.

The former Fairfax chairman and managing director of Woolworths was a guest on ABC’s 7.30 program where he explained his reasons for opposing change to [Leigh Sales](#).

But things quickly veered into tricky terrain, with Corbett raising slavery and race, and seemed to contradict himself on how involved corporations should be in the debate.

He also insisted that it wasn’t discriminatory to forbid same-sex couples from being able to legally wed.



“It’s not discriminatory in any way,” Corbett said. “It’s a statement that (marriage) is between men and women. A man and a man and a woman and a woman can have a similar relationship, but it’s different.

“A black man and a white man are equal, but they’re clearly different. A black man will never be a white man and vice versa.”

The world has been a train wreck since Genesis 3 and continues down the road to its own destruction. However, Jesus said He was “...come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” John 10:10.

Because of Calvary,  
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