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## Children's rights trumps same-sex marriage: Galaxy poll

**With 86 percent of Australians saying children should be raised by their biological parents, the Australian Family Association welcomes the Senate inquiry's recommendation to oppose a same-sex marriage bill.**

AFA spokesman John Morrissey said that the push for same-sex marriage is aimed at widening gay access to children, but nobody has the right to a child any more than a man has a right to a woman.

"The new Galaxy poll shows Australians believe that marriage and children go together and that Australians don't want another stolen generation of children growing up without one or both of their biological parents," Mr Morrissey said.

The Galaxy poll, conducted last weekend for the Australian Family Association, asked 1,053 Australians, "Ideally, wherever possible, should children be raised by their biological mother and their biological father?"

86 per cent of respondents said yes, including 81 per cent of 18-24 year-olds.

"This should be a wake up call for the Federal Parliament, particularly Kevin Rudd's Labor Party, as the strongest support for children's rights (90 per cent) came from the lower income families, which form Labor's heartland.

"Yet, at its 2009 national conference, the Labor Party changed its policy on marriage. Labor no longer defines marriage as between a man and a woman only, leaving the way open for legalising same-sex marriage and even polygamy."

"At the moment policy makers are focussed on the politically correct message that all relationships are equal, regardless of whether a couple is married, de-facto or same-sex.

"What this poll shows is that, when it comes to children's rights, all relationships are *not* equal. The overwhelming majority of Australians think children should be raised by their own mum and dad. Marriage between a man and a woman is the best way to ensure children have the security of knowing and being raised by their biological parents."

Recently, Prime Minister Rudd and Coalition leader Malcolm Turnbull apologised to the many children who were denied knowledge of their parents and families after World War II. Mr Rudd has promised to now help them find their biological parents.

"Yet we now have the push for same-sex marriage, which will contribute to yet another 'stolen generation' of children who will be denied the right to be raised by both their biological mother and father. Are our politicians so blind," asked Mr Morrissey?

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