

Foreign Citizenship is not an Exclusion Test Solely for Parliamentarians

Introduction

We here in Australia are now faced with several of our federal parliamentarians being judged ineligible to serve as representative members of Parliament because of their non-compliance with the foreign citizenship test for holding such positions within Federal Parliament. Concurrent with this the Federal Government's wishes to change the Marriage Act under the Constitution to accommodate the inclusion of homosexual couples, but in both cases there is an issue of compliance for entry into their desired realms.

The attached article discusses these issues and comes to a determination that at the core of both of these matters is a test at law. As we stand today the High Court has rejected the foreign citizens from Parliamentary service - effective immediately, and we also highlight where homosexual couples also fail a foreign citizenship test in their bid to gain legitimisation through marriage by changing the Marriage Act to include same gender couples on the basis that marriage under our Constitution is an institution before God.

This is a very engaging article worthy of reading to gain insight into the hidden issue behind changing the Marriage Act.

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