

**Arico Kotze - Civil Union Bill**

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Mr Arico Kotze (Committee Secretary),
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Dear Mr Kotze,

Last week's vote in Parliament demonstrates quite clearly how far the ANC has departed from the democracy they believed in back in 1994.

How can a political party, and the ruling one at that, railroad a bill through parliament by forcing all their MPs to vote on a particular issue? I refer to the Civil Union Bill. Aside from the fact that they give no opportunity to any of their own members to vote on a matter of conscience, they think they can dupe the South African public into "agreeing" to same-sex marriage. Where is democratic justice in that?

It does not take much figuring out that the vast majority of South Africans believe in traditional marriage as the only course. In the run-up to the tabling of this Bill, bodies such as the Marriage Alliance (representing millions of Christians), and many other church groups and whole communities, as well as the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, have presented their overwhelming objections to the passing of this Bill. With a stroke of the pen the ruling party has ignored and rejected their submissions.

Why would the party's chief whip (himself under considerable pressure on a moral issue) instruct the Members of Parliament of his majority party to cast their votes in this manner? It makes us the only African country to depart from God-given physical and spiritual laws. Other African countries have upheld the age-old traditions of family and resisted the efforts of minority activists to overturn natural family structures. In Europe, even liberal France has said a loud and clear "No" to the efforts of gay liberals.

I don't believe this nation has yet crossed the line and declared itself independent of God. The ANC may be trying to play God, but there are still millions of God-fearing righteous people in this land who pray daily for those elected to office. However, by its actions the Government has drawn itself closer to that line.

Is the Government so insensitive to the feelings of the majority of South Africans who have overwhelmingly opposed same-sex marriage? In the name of both Godly values and democracy, please ensure that this bill goes no further!

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