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'The sun will still rise tomorrow': NZ MP hits out at anti-gay marriage 'bullies'

MP Maurice Williamson used science and common sense to defend New Zealand's gay marriage bill from 'fire and brimstone' in a speech to Parliament.

I want to first of all congratulate Louisa Wall for this bill, the Marriage (Definition of Marriage) Amendment Bill, and I want to say that the good news about years spent in this Parliament is that you learn to deflect all of the dreadful fire and brimstone accusations that are going to happen.

I have had a reverend in my local electorate call and say that the gay onslaught will start the day after this bill is passed. We are really struggling to know what the gay onslaught will look like.

We do not know whether it will come down the Pakuranga Highway as a series of troops, or whether it will be a gas that flows in over the electorate and blocks us all in.

I also had a Catholic priest tell me that I was supporting an unnatural act. I found that quite interesting coming from someone who has taken an oath of celibacy for his whole life.

Hon Amy Adams: "Cell-i-bacy".

Hon Maurice Williamson: "Cell-i-bacy". OK, we will go with "Cell-i-bacy". OK. I have not done it, so I do not know what it is about. I also had a letter telling me that I would burn in the fires of hell for eternity.