



Terms of Reference

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

That the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquire into and report on issues relating to a proposed same sex marriage law in New South Wales, and in particular:

1. Any legal issues surrounding the passing of marriage laws at a State level, including but not limited to:
 - a. the impact of interaction of such law with the Commonwealth Marriage Act 1961
 - b. the rights of any party married under such a law in other States' and Federal jurisdiction
 - c. the rights of the parties married under such a law upon dissolution of the marriage;
2. The response of other jurisdictions both in Australia and overseas to demands for marriage equality;
3. Any alternative models of legislation including civil unions; and
4. Changes in social attitudes (if any) to marriage in Australia.

The Hon Niall Blair MLC	The Nationals	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Helen Westwood MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
The Hon Catherine Cusack MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	
The Hon Jan Barham MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC	Liberal Party	