



**Legislative Council
Standing Committee on Social Issues**

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

Public Hearings on 6 and 15 March 2013 to be Webcast

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Leading academics from across Australia will present their views on the legal issues related to introducing same sex marriage legislation in New South Wales at a public hearing on 6 March 2013. This is part of the Standing Committee on Social Issues' inquiry into a proposed same sex marriage law in New South Wales.

'The focus of the inquiry is on the legal aspects of introducing same sex legislation,' explained the Hon Niall Blair MLC, Chair of the Social Issues Committee. The Committee will hear from leading legal commentators such as Professor Anne Twomey of the University of Sydney Law School and Professor George Williams from the University of New South Wales. A full hearing schedule is attached.

'The Committee is grateful that prominent legal experts have made their time available to the Committee to assist us by explaining the legal issues associated with New South Wales introducing same sex marriage legislation', Mr Blair said.

Given the interest in the issue, the Committee has organized for both public hearings to be webcast live on the Parliament's internet site – see www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

'Given the limited seating available at Parliament House, I encourage anyone interested in viewing the public hearing proceedings to watch via the Parliament's webcast', Mr Blair said.

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To view the webcast visit www.parliament.nsw.gov.au.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/samesexmarriage.

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