

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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To The Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues.

My submission in regards to the inquiry established on the 6 December 2012 to inquire and report on issues relating to a proposed same sex marriage law in New South Wales.

I would like to thank the Social Issues Committee and all committees, organisations and councils involved with this inquiry for their time taken to process mine and everyone else's submissions on this proposed law.

I feel strongly that the legalisation of same sex marriage in Australia not only shows our stance on equality for gender and sexual orientations but that it assists in representing Australia as an open minded country leading the world in change for the better as well as acceptance and tolerance. There are currently 11 countries where same sex marriage is legal with France being the possible 12th this year and it's disappointing to know Australia is yet to join those countries. Not only is it a disappointment to me but also to the families and friends of homosexual people, any Australian that wants to marry their gay partner and to the already same sex married couples in Australia from other countries whose marriage is currently unrecognised under our laws.

I support same sex marriage 100% and do not see anything that could be unbeneficial from it. It is an important law to have as it will allow thousands of people to marry the ones they otherwise couldn't under the current marriage act. I hope to see this issue as a thing of the past soon so that I can proudly say Australia was truly devoted to change and equal rights in 2013 and that this law has helped show people's commitment to love and that marriage is a respected right which we all deserve.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Sincerely,
Jason Randell