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## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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I am getting married on 21 September 2013, to the woman of my dreams. With or without legal acknowledgement. There will be over 200 people there to celebrate our beautiful relationship & it's culmination in a life changing decision to be together forever. The only people NOT coming to the party is the Australian Government, even though my partner & I are raising our child to serve this country & it's values, and being the epitome of good upstanding citizens. It is an affront to myself and all of us hard working, family raising, tax paying members of the LGBTIQ committee, that our Government expects us to tow the line in every other aspect, Centrelink included, & yet refuses us the dignity of having our marriages recognised in the same way everyone else's is. IT'S TIME. You have blood on your hands for the way we are treated in this society & the toll of suicide, homicide, mental illness, depression etc etc is getting higher & higher while you play political football with this issue. It's 2013. IT'S OKAY TO BE GAY. Send that message loud & clear so that we can at least attempt to salvage the current generation of children who are growing up gay.