

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

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I want to strongly stand up for marriage as a unique institution where a man and woman unite together for life and where children can be raised with the security and identity of both a Mum and a Dad. Marriages need to be honoured and supported as a lifelong commitment. Obviously marriages do fail and there are men and women who fail to honour and respect each other but as a society, we need to do our best to protect marriage as the ideal environment for children to be raised. Gay people can have the right to a recognised legal union but this union is not and can never be marriage. By definition, marriage is for an adult male and female who commit to a lifelong relationship. This is not about being equal or having equal rights. Marriage is unique and needs to remain unique under its original definition.