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## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am a 100% heterosexual male who has been married to the same woman for 30 years. I have 2 gay friends who have been a couple for the same period of time, I am ashamed that my wife and I had no problems with becoming a married couple while our 2 friends have to struggle with this inequality and discrimination.

If same sex marriage is made legal it will have no effect on my marriage or my relationship with my wife, that will stand or fail because of what we do not because of what others do.

I cannot choose to be homosexual anymore than my friends can  
For us or sexuality is not a choice, it is just who we are.

I want the right for everyone to be able to share the love, trials, hardships, joys and sorrows of a long marriage.

That is what love and communities are made of.