## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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What is it that the state hopes to achieve by denying its citizens the same rights it grants its nice 'normal' heterosexual citizens? Is it that the state would like to be rid of its homosexual citizens? Because I tell you now, you will never be rid of us, for we walk amongst you. Everyday. Everywhere. And we dream, as you do, of life, love and happiness. We do not dream of becoming just like you. We dream of a place where we are free to be ourselves, and free of the systemic violence that makes us constantly fearful that we will always be socially excluded and marked as outcasts.

All of these issues are human rights issues.