

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am a married heterosexual woman who finds having to identify myself as such very uncomfortable, I can only imagine how discriminating it is to be identified in other forms of sexuality. I believe that your preference to love someone is no one else's business except the two people concerned. I have read the for and against marriage equality in various formats and I'm sorry but the for equality wins hands down. I have grown up in a household that didn't treat people differently, my father was in the armed forces, my mother a stay at home mum, we lived next door to a lovely couple whom I spent a lot of time with as a child, two men that I still admire and think of to this day. I have friends that I went to school with, work with and I do not ask their sexuality, they are my friends because they treat me as an individual and I return their respect by doing the same. They are caring, thoughtful, loving and very intelligent people, everything you could ask of a friend or colleague. Why would we as fellow human beings deny another human being the same rights. Aren't we all the same? And as far as destroying the sanctity of marriage, what a laugh, I have been married for thirty four years myself, I will legally have rights as a spouse, and so I should, so should any legally married couple, same sex or not. Are we as, (that word again) heterosexuals doing such a great job as keeping the sanctity of marriage alive, it is too easy these days to just get divorced if things don't go right, children or not, what is this doing to the sanctity of marriage? Same sex couples are fighting for this right that we have taken for granted, used and abused. If anything happened to either partner in a same sex couple, their rights to claim what we take as a given, will be judged, discriminated against and at the hands of any individual's personal preferences. This should be changed and changed now this year! I hope this submission will contribute to the equality of marriage, don't let New South Wales be a follower be a forerunner in equality for everyone.

Thank you for your time,

Annlee