

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Hi, my name is Sarah and I support same sex marriage in Australia.

I am not gay myself but I believe that the right to choose the person you marry should extend to everyone. After all, isn't that the definition of a right? - Something everyone is entitled to.

I think the fact that we don't allow gay marriage in this day and age is something our country should be embarrassed and ashamed of. Stopping two people, who are in love, from being together and legally recognised as a couple by the country they call home, is archaic and antiquated.

I do not believe the claim that allowing people of the same sex would be harmful to "traditional marriage". When you have people like Brittany Spears getting a divorce after fifty five hours and Elizabeth Taylor who is on her seventh(?) marriage, I think it is safe to say that "traditional marriage" went out the window years ago.

Most of the time, the only reason people can tell me why they oppose gay marriage is because their religion says it is wrong. I don't think religion should ever play a part in politics, it would just be a recipe for disaster.

There are too many religions with too many different beliefs and rules. They could never been combined to satisfy everyone. And what about us atheists? Would we then be forced to follow one particular religion? The answer should, and I hope would, be no. No religion should be able to push their beliefs on the rest of the country. Each to their own.

Therefore, if the only reason for preventing same sex marriage in Australia is because the churches and parishioners object to it, then I think the Australian Government should get with the times and realise that this will one day be looked upon like segregation is now - Unfair, unjust and unlawful.

"Denying equal rights to another group of human beings based on your religious beliefs is still called bigotry".

Regards,
Sarah