

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Partially Confidential

Dear NSW parliament,

My name is P. and I am 24 years old. I am writing to you in relation to the redefinition of marriage and the bill you are considering to pass.

My thoughts are this, that Marriage is between a man and a woman and has been a union between two Male and Female people for a very long period of time. Marriage is a term not only describing when two people get together and decide to commit to each other, rather a union of two people who become one in the eyes of God. It is my belief that marriage should continue to be defined between a man and a woman as biologically these are two that can really only unite and form on completely complementary union which often but not always results in a child.

This is not to discourage or a slight against Homosexuals. I have many homosexual friends who I count as some of my close friends. What I would propose is if you created a new term that is like marriage but for Homosexuals. This isn't discrimination this is just providing broader terms to describe different partnerships between people. Marriage is currently defined as a man and a woman and has been for a while. Marriage as a definition when you think about the definition of the word immediately springs to mind a man and a woman getting together. So therefore this term I believe should remain as defined as it is currently.

I totally believe that everyone should have equal rights and opportunities. But marriage is not a right on anyone's part. It is a freely given consensual union between a man and a woman. All people have access to this opportunity to marry, however they must choose a person of the opposite sex to enter into this opportunity. Likewise for a same-sex relationship everyone has the opportunity to enter into that relationship, but must choose a same sex person. I know it's not simply a matter of choice of who we may be attracted to but we do have a choice with how we express those relationships.

Those are my two cents. Please consider all opinions and make a guided decision by not what is easiest by what is right.

Thank you for your time and good luck in tackling these pertinent issues and more.

God Bless you.

P.