

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Submission with regards to marriage equality/rights for same sex couples:

This law is about social inclusion as well as equality under law as tax paying citizens. Non-heterosexual citizens do not pay less or different taxes but treated second class in terms of social inclusion/status and the rights and responsibilities that come with civil marriage.

This law will not only address these injustice and inequalities for same sex couples in de facto relationships but also alleviate the pain, suffering, discrimination, bullying, harassment LGBT citizens face whether they are teenagers, adults or seniors, at work, school, nursing homes...

This law in reality will no doubt shine as a beacon of hope for many young and otherwise LGBT people who are most at risk for suicide, in letting them know and be assured that being gay is OK and is accepted as a norm under the law in the society they live in.

This law will also lead to happier and more productive lives for LGBT citizens who know that they do count as full citizens and will do their best in return for their state/country.