

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Equal rights for every Australian citizen is a must! We are known world wide for our acceptance of every culture and welcome them into our country with open arms, yet when 2 of our own fall in love who just happen to be of the same sex they are treated with complete disrespect and told that their relationship doesn't matter or count. Who are we to judge every single person on who they choose to fall in love with. It isn't going to affect our lives if old mate down the road happens to fall in love with another male - good luck to them for finding happiness!

Look on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website under 'Lifetime Marriage and Divorce Trends':

"In 2005, 109,000 new marriages were registered in Australia. This was equivalent to 5.4 marriages for every 1,000 people in the population. This rate has been in overall decline since 1986 when there were 7.2 marriages per 1,000 people.

Over the same period, the crude divorce rate has remained relatively unchanged with 2.6 divorces for every 1,000 people in 2005 and 2.5 divorces per 1,000 people in 1986. The greatest annual number of divorces occurred in 2001 when there were 55,300 divorces recorded. This peak has been followed by recent declines, with 52,400 divorces in 2005."

If there is almost a 50% divorce rate in opposite sex marriages how could same sex marriages make it worse? Let same sex couples have the same opportunity we do!

I honestly believe the marriage rate would not only increase but the divorce rate would decrease because same sex couples have fought so long and hard for equal rights that their love has already been tested and proven to last. Surely if people are willing to wait their whole lives to be able to marry their soul mate then they should be allowed?! I could not think of anything worse then one day telling my children that if they were gay they would never be considered equal and never permitted to marry their love. It's embarrassing and disgusting. We need to move on from our ancestors dated views and homophobia and let everyone (all cultures and sexual orientation) to live equal.