

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Dear Parliament,

How can the definition of marriage be changed? It has been this way for thousands of years. I don't understand why same sex couples would want to get married. Yes allow them to be in a defacto relationship, have the same rights as a married couple I agree but as a gay friend of mine said when I asked him if you could get married in Australia would you? His response was "Why would I want to get married and have a piece of paper that said this. I don't believe in God and God invented/created marriage. He is in a happy long term defacto relationship.

Im an Australian expat living in a muslim country where having 4 wives is allowed but interestingly enough the younger generations of woman do not want to enter a marriage where the husband wants more than one wife. Now why would that be? Because it doesn't work! Marriage was created for A man and A women. If we allow for same sex marriages the next proposal will be allowing for men to have multiple wives. I mean why not because same sex marriages are allowed! So are we going to only allow muslims to do this? Well no it's not fair that just muslims are allowed why not other religions or atheists be allowed to have more than one wife? Can you see that this can get messy!

I live in Dubai UAE and it is illegal to be gay in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi! I have met a Jordanian who had to move from Abu Dhabi to Dubai because his son admitted he was gay. His son does not work here in Dubai because his father wants him to be safe. So consider this. Australia is a safe place to be in general for gay people. I have gay friends and I am a Christian. Gay people are people who need love, support etc etc Australia supports them and gives them the same rights to everything which I agree with. They are human beings and should have the same rights as us. But to go as far as changing the definition of marriage IS NOT discrimination it is what it is.

Please DO NOT change the definition of marriage in Australia.