

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I love both my children equally and I want them to be treated equally - this is a matter of basic human dignity. A person's fundamental rights, including the right to marry, should not be affected by their sexual orientation.

My son is gay. How can I tell my son that he has less rights than my daughter has? Could you tell your own child this? I can not justify this.

Society is stronger when couples make vows to each other and support each other. I want this for my gay son.

My Son was previously in a relationship with a man the whole family came to love and trust. As far as I was concerned, my Son's same sex partner was every bit equal to my daughter's husband. I had two sons-in-law, but sadly the law did not see it this way.

Please fix the law, so that when my Son next falls in love, he is free to marry this man. It is only fair and just.

I will attach a photo taken at my daughter's wedding. When I look at this photo it makes me sad to think that the law treats my son as an inferior citizen with less legal rights and recognition.

Please take a minute to look at the faces of the people. Everyone is a great person, and looking at the photo, they are all just people. You can't even tell by looking, which one is gay, but yet he gets less rights. This is not acceptable in Australia in 2013.

Religions can decide who they want to marry, but it's not OK for the state to discriminate. It's time to understand the state can not be in the business of discrimination - the state must introduce civil marriage for ALL citizens.

Please allow my gay son to marry.

