

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I'm going to marry my boyfriend someday. We've been together for three years now and it's lovely and I'm confident that it can go on indefinitely. And I'm legally allowed to. But if my relationship with my ex-girlfriend had progressed to this point, that would not be the case.

What is this? Do I have half a right to get married? This nonsensical arrangement basically has the effect of making the legal aspect of marriage meaningless to me. Maybe me and my boyfriend will just have a wedding and not invite the government. Why should we sign papers that are not exclusive to people who love each other as we do, but are exclusive to people with our genital combo? Don't even talk to me about civil unions. Every single marriage is a union under civil law.

The only possible result of a law that contradicts the will of the people is to encourage disrespect for the rule of law itself. Frankly I'd quite prefer it if people continued to respect the laws about not stealing my stuff or punching me in the face, and I'm sure you feel the same way. The longer we drag our feet on this...