

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am a heterosexual male. It greatly pains me that my best friend, who is a lesbian, is treated as a second class citizen in her own country, as she is not granted the same right that all heterosexual people have by default. There is no pre-marriage test required in Australia, making it relatively easy for heterosexuals to marry for out of haste or for money or immigration purposes. I married when I was very young, and the marriage only lasted two years. I find it disgraceful that Australia law will let an 18-year old man marry a women he has only known for 3 months, yet will not allow any homosexual couple to marry, no matter how long they have been in a committed relationship. Australia should be looking at the fine examples from democracies such as Canada, and treat homosexuals with the same dignity and respect as heterosexuals.