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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Marriage equality is necessary for an equal and just society.

If our laws prevent one group of people from marrying, then it carries with it the implication that this other group of people is different, and that it is justified to treat them differently.

Having different systems for different groups of people creates an environment where bigotry and discrimination can thrive in our culture. This is why we cannot give the LGBT community anything less than total marriage equality - to call their unions something different, is to call them different, and to enshrine in our culture that it is okay to treat them differently from how we would treat "normal" people.