

## INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I am opposed to same-sex marriage because it would require a redefinition of the institution. The characteristics of marriage are that it is a commitment for life, it is open to the procreation of children, and involves sexual complementarity between the partners. To argue this discriminates against gay people is as specious as arguing that the existence of women's hospitals discriminates against men, or that providing schools for children discriminates against adults. Marriage does discriminate towards people of the opposite sex. There is nothing wrong with that, just as there is nothing wrong with hospitals for women nor schools for children. That is not to say there should not be proper educational facilities for adults, medical facilities for men, and proper and fair legal recognition of long-term gay relationships.