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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I know this is a well worn argument but I do not see how a move can be made to legalise same sex marriage if you do not also consider legalising incestual marriages. After all if marriage is just about two people who love each other and we don't want to discriminate surely both would have to be accepted. Yet incest is still seen as unacceptable, but for those who accept homosexual marriage I am not sure on what basis they are claiming what is right or not. Why should we judge those who live differently from ourselves. It is true birth defects may result from relationships of incest, but in the argument of homosexual marriage we are told it is not about whether couples want to have children or not - it is about the marriage - and many marriages are childless. Can we prevent two siblings from entering marriage on the basis or unborn children they may choose never to have. Besides if the siblings are same sex (ie: brother marrying brother or sister marrying sister) they can't reproduce so that argument fails. If you are fine with your son marrying his best male friend would you feel okay about your two sons marrying each other? After all - if marriage is just allowing people who are in love to live in a way to demonstrate this - why not? So please before you vote - if you can't support and vote for both scenarios - don't discriminate - don't vote for gay marriage.