

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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I consider the key issue to be whether or not a relationship between two persons of the same gender is IDENTICAL in EVERY respect to a relationship between two persons of opposite gender. They clearly may have some (perhaps many) aspects in common, but I do not believe they are identical. It is therefore, in my opinion, wrong to call such a relationship 'marriage'.

This is not to say that same-sex relationships should not enjoy an appropriate recognition and protection in our society - which I believe such relationships already do enjoy. It may be that the recognition and protection we offer can be improved.

It is wrong, however, to do that by including them under the heading 'marriage'. There needs to be a suitable alternative name.