

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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Thank you for the opportunity of being able to voice my opinion on this legal issue.

In the recent years, gay marriage has become a major issue concerning all Australian citizens. According to websites, surveys, news reports, articles and many more Australians all around the country have been debating as to whether legalising gay marriage is a good idea. Many people have thought of this as a positive way of moving forward while on the other hand some people have seen this as a bad idea.

From a Christian point of view legalising gay marriage may not be the best idea for the church or its teaching. For centuries the church has been teaching that a marriage is between a man and a woman just as quoted in the bible “at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”- Mark 10:6-9 Personally I do agree with this quote but at the same time I believe that there is time for change and having gay marriage legalised does not and will not affect me in any way.

Another issue that the church may arise if homosexuals were to get married is reproduction. Along with other religions, Christians believe that another aspect of marriage is to have children but this may be an issue for homosexuals because they cannot have children. Even though they may not be able to reproduce they are able to adopt or in some cases they may not even want any children.

As a teenager myself, growing up in NSW, homosexuality is something that I have gradually grown up with and learnt to accept as the gay community is increasing. I have come to the realisation that homosexuals are humans and deserve to be treated the same as any other human. At the end of the day their lifestyle doesn't really differ from any other person.

I personally do not support gay marriage but whether gay marriage is legalised or not in NSW, it does not benefit me nor does it cause any harm to my life.