

## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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Please be advised, I married under the provision of custom and law in NSW wherein the definition of Marriage is that of a relationship between a man and a woman. This state of marriage between a man and a woman provides certain rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities.

Homosexual people claim they are discriminated against by being unable to 'marry' and thereby 'enjoy' the rights and privileges available to married couples. May I point out that they are unable to fulfill many of the duties and responsibilities of marriage since they relate directly to the care of children born as a direct result of the union of man and woman.

I object strongly to the alteration of the definition of my state of marriage to suit a minority of people to whom that definition cannot apply.

If, due to that definition, those people are in fact discriminated against, then by all means define a NEW state of marriage equivalence which will cater for the peculiarities and imperatives of their lifestyle and provide those privileges. Call it what you or they like, but NOT marriage and do not try to shoehorn their lifestyle into the lifestyle of myself, my wife, children, friends, relatives and the vast majority of the human race.