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I would first like to thank the Social Issues Committee for the opportunity to make a personal submission to the *Same sex marriage law in NSW Inquiry*.

It's a rare opportunity to share with members of parliament and the public why I think this is an important issue.

First of all, it's an important issue because it's a deeply personal one.

I've been with my partner now for the better part of nine years.

As two young men in their early 30s, we are at an age when many of our straight friends and siblings are getting hitched.

It's been a great privilege to watch two people we care about stand up in front of friends and family and declare their love and commitment to one another.

These are special events in our lives and I would like to see this same opportunity extended to people like my partner and I.

It's important to us too that our relationship is given the same legal status.

I would encourage the committee to recommend legislating same sex marriage in NSW to ensure that loving couples, no matter their sexual preference, can celebrate their commitment to one another and have their relationship properly recognised under the law.