

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

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I am an out lesbian. I am very much in support of same sex marriage. I would like to one day marry the women I love when I do eventually meet her. I would like the have that marriage to be legal. Civil unions are not the same as a marriage. as Civil unions are not widely recognised. I don't want to have to go overseas in order to get married. I would prefer to get married in my home country. A country that I was born and raised in. To be denied my right to marry, is inhumane. It isn't enough that same sex couples are recognised by Centrelink. Same sex couples are barely allowed to state our partners as our next of kin if something drastic were to happen to us. By allowing same sex couples to marry would be the best thing the government could possibly do. It doesn't matter if the churches don't accept it. That isn't important. What is important is that our rights be truly our own. Marriage is about two people who love one another and want to make a deep commitment to each other. Heterosexual couples do not exclusively own the right to commit to each other. All Human Beings have that right. It doesn't matter if it is between, two men, Two women or a man and a women. What does matter is the two people making the commitment.