

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

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Hello Sir or Ma'am

First and Foremost I would like it to be clear that I am a Christian. I do not know what your predisposition is to my religion but to me being a Christian simply means that I have sought forgiveness for my sins. It doesn't mean that I think I'm better than non-Christians, if anything it means that I am still the same, I still sin and I still fail and I am still as human as the rest of our planet.

I do not oppose the equal rights campaign, I think it is a horrible thing that 2 consenting adults who have dedicated their lives to each other do not have the same rights and privileges as any other couple simply because they are both the same gender. I have no doubt that they will have these rights as they should.

I do oppose the legal redefinition of the word "marriage" because to me Marriage is between a man and a woman and God, as it has been for the last 2000+ years.

I am also concerned about what happens next, and must ask you this: When everyone has equal marriage rights, will the entirety of religious rights - including the right to refuse to wed a couple - still be intact? I hope so, because otherwise every religious citizen will be open to persecution. Please, while you are considering the proposal to allow full rights to all couples, please respect our rights and protect them.

thank you for your time  
A Concerned Citizen