

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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We live now in the 21st century, I am straight and my best mate is gay. We are both white, atheist, university graduates who come from middle income families. Why is it that I can marry the girl of my dreams and yet he cannot marry the man of his? Gender is no longer a cause to deny equal rights, women and men in this country and state have the same opportunities, as do people from different countries who now live in NSW. I am appalled that NSW hasn't already not only grudgingly allowed homosexual marriage, but wholeheartedly supported it and begin to push the other states to do the same. The laws surrounding marriage in this country and state need to change for the better, for the right and for the equal.