

INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW

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As a heterosexual married man, I believe marriage strengthens families and society - that is something on which we all can agree. Opponents should note that this reform, whether enacted or not, will have no effect on the number of same sex couples; it will only change the nature of some relationships in a positive way.

In my experience, marriage is an intensely personal and meaningful bond between two people. I have personally experienced the anguish and heartache associated with the ban on same sex marriage in members of my close family. Continuing to withhold this opportunity from a minority group only serves to inflict pain on this group, increasing stress and anxiety, lowering self esteem, and increasing mental and physical health problems among same-sex attracted people [1]. Please, support reform for them.

[1] <http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/wp/faqs/discrimination-in-marriage-has-a-negative-impact-on-health-wellbeing/>