

Sample submission of those received from individuals in support of adoption by same sex couples, using text provided by the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby.

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9/02/2009	229	Alisa Kelley
	230	Edward Lloyd
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	232	Regan Smith and Annemarie Volpe
	233	Richard Jardine
	234	Nicky Glover
	235	Larna Warren
	236	Alaquoque Dash
	237	Janelle Adams
	238	John Kolotas
	239	Jayden Storey
	240	Kellie Mork
	241	Jason Alan
	242	Alessandra Muntoni
	243	Jonathan James
	244	Kurt Andersson
	245	Tim Spencer
	246	Jamie Allen
	247	Samuel Teuma
	248	David Bruun
	249	Roy Freeman
	250	Danielle Wisniowski
	251	Danielle Elliott
	252	Robert Martinez
	253	Brad Stewart
	254	Claire Wallace
	255	Ashley May
	256	Amelia Toohey
	257	Bradley McInnes
	258	Jeff Butler
	259	Asaf Fisher
	260	Madeleine Motion
	261	Baden Rushworth
	262	Elizabeth Kean
	263	Evelyn Gray
	264	June Lam
10/02/2009	265	Aaron Wallis
	266	Jamie Hodgson
	267	Marion Paul
	268	Leonore Glansbeek
	269	Belinda Carden
	270	Diana Gavin
	271	Lin Surch
	272	Kevin Harrington
	273	Heidi Claus & Liam Byrne
	274	Angela Corbet
	275	Janet McNally
	276	Brad Schmidt
	277	Claire Watkins
	278	Derek Georgeson
	279	Blake Kegg
	280	Lauren Coutts
	281	Jonathan Andrews & John Stark

	282	Jessica D'Arienzo
	283	Karryne Corbett
	284	Sharon Anderson-Waite
	285	Laura Christenson
	286	Joanna Williams
	287	Skye McGuffie
	288	Sharyn Hall
	289	Michelle Barratt
	290	Julia Barratt
	291	Mrs Lesley Barratt
	292	Harita Sridhar
	293	Anthony Robison
	294	Kim Wilson
	295	Isobel Connell
	296	Kim Parsons
	297	Fiona Vaughan
	298	Jolyn Hersch
11/2/2009	299	Joseph Roppolo
	300	Alex Peters
	301	Josh Cranston
	302	Karen L Hunter
	303	Michael McKenna
	304	Paolo Polimeni
	305	Renee McCarthy
	306	Peter Johnson
	307	Dr Rose Searby
	308	Natasha Ball
	309	Mr River J Night
	310	Siobhan Ryley
	311	Bethany Small
	312	Vourneen Ward
	313	Trish Kernahan
	314	Niki Koukoularis
	315	Sabrina Toh
	316	Lynette Fraser
	317	Larissa Tandy
	318	Danae Lacey
	319	Jason Inskip
	320	Penelope Walker
	321	Lauren Smee
	322	Amy Adair
12/02/2009	323	Jorge Baron
	324	David Skidmore
	325	Jennie Dang
	326	Ray Goodlass
	327	Brenda Hayman
	328	Rachel Beaney
	329	Richard Baldry
	330	Stuart Baanstra
	331	Tim Wardell
13/02/2009	332	Susan Bilton
	333	Rebekah Hitchenson
	334	Paden Hunter
	335	Brendan Lloyd
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INQUIRY INTO ADOPTION BY SAME SEX COUPLES

Name: Ms Alisa Kelley

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To the Hon Christine Robertson MLC,
Inquiry into Adoption by Same Sex Couples

I would like to make a submission in support of removing discrimination against same-sex couples in adoption law.

Currently, NSW allows individual lesbians and gay men to apply for adoption but not same-sex couples. This legal discrimination is arbitrary and makes no sense.

As a result of adoption discrimination, some children with same-sex parents may miss out on having their parents legally recognised. This has significant implications for their rights, and their parents' responsibilities, under law.

Parents who are not legally recognised are not automatically able to sign a permission note for school or consent to medical treatment. If a parent dies or the parents separate, children are disadvantaged in legal regimes such as family law, inheritance rules and child support.

Same-sex couples should be assessed – like all couples and individuals – on their ability to provide a stable and loving home to a child. Sexual orientation is simply not an indicator of parenting ability.

Discrimination against same-sex couples has no place in NSW adoption law in 2009.

Yours sincerely,
Alisa Kelley