

Dear Committee Secretary,

There's 2 sides to marriage - the legal side and the religious side. All i'm referring to here is the legal side. The right for two people who love each other to be able to legally bind themselves together with marriage. Everyone should be able to marry whoever they want as long as it's consensual. It seems very silly to me to try and find excuses for denying people the right to marry who they want, just because it differs from your personal choice. As a matter of legal principle, all people should have the same basic legal rights.

I'm guessing anybody against gay marriage is heterosexual. So isn't it a pretty mean thing to say that "only we can get married" because we're the majority or the "norm"? Anything along those lines is not the Australian spirit. Australia is the land of respecting peoples rights to be religious or homosexual or listen to heavy metal or play video games or do anything you want that's not destructive to others.

In a world filled with a fair share of depression and hatred, why would we try and stop some of the nicer things in life like 2 people who love each other deeply from getting married just because it's slightly different to yours or my type of marriage? I'd like to ask any person against gay marriage to go up to a loving gay couple and explain to them why they can't get married.

I'm a firm believer in freedom rights. I am 100% behind you doing whatever it is that makes you happy. I couldn't care less whether you want to get married to 10 other women or play violent video games or believe in Scientology. Why would i care? As long as it doesn't disturb me, that's fine. I hope you do what makes you happy. I really do. Imagine a world where everybody was respected and did what they loved and were happy. Isn't that the kind of public you want to be surrounded by? The last thing we need is repression, sadness and anger.

If you're wond ering, i'm a 21 year old male, atheist, heterosexual, i love heavy metal and my favorite hobby is cage fighting. People have tried to ban heavy metal before and cage fighting is currently banned in Victoria. I find it very silly and juvenile when people try to ban things that they're not a part of and don't fully understand. Thank you very much for listening and i hope you have a great life.