

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to submit that same-sex marriage be recognised on the same level as heterosexual unions.

I am a heterosexual female, married by a registered marriage celebrant on my family's farm almost three years ago. My cousin and his partner attended our wedding along with 150 other friends and family members. My cousin and his partner would dearly love to experience the joy that my husband and I enjoyed the day we were married.

My cousin and his partner are deeply committed to each other. Their relationship shares the characteristics of any heterosexual relationship – the ups and the downs. The only difference is that they both happen to be men. To me, a marriage between two men who love and are committed to each other should be no different to a heterosexual marriage.

Please consider the recognition of love and commitment that same-sex couples all over Australia are desperate to enjoy.

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