

Dear Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee,  
This is my submission to your inquiry into marriage equality. I fully endorse the submission made by Australian Marriage Equality in favour of the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009.

My partner and I have been in a relationship for almost 5 years. We are committed and in love in a way that is no different from most of our friends and neighbours. I was married (at law and to a man) for 7 years. I ended the marriage when I finally came to terms with my sexuality. It is ironic that now that I have found true love and my life partner, I am not able to have that union recognised as a marriage. Amy and I will have children in the future and I want to be able to say to them that our relationship, union and commitment is as dignified and recognised as that of their grandparents or aunts and uncles. All we want is equality.