

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 felt reluctant to marry because of the inequity of the Australian Laws on marriage. Despite our desire to tie the knot, we feel conflicted by the fact that our friends in long-term same-sex relationships aren't able to affirm their relationships in the same way. It makes me ashamed to be Australian.