

GLBT Australians still suffer from widespread discrimination. If the law prevented a heterosexual couple from marrying in this day, there would be a massive uproar, and it would be immediately recognised for what it is; a violation of basic human rights. Same-sex couples risk confrontation every time they display their love in public, with something as innocuous as holding hands. Whilst ever same-sex couples are discriminated by their own government there will never be equality, the small minded, bigoted and prejudiced minority of this country will never change their view when it is supported by the law. Failure to recognise same-sex couples and an outright ban on same-sex marriage demeans not only the institution of marriage, but all GLBT Australians. Why is it that I am legally entitled to marry a woman, but not another man? My love would be no different, so why should the government distinguish between them? Until marriage is afforded to same-sex couples, not only is there marriage inequality, but GLBT Australians are second rate citizens.