

Australia prides itself on being fair and equitable. We were the first country to give women the vote and have been the leader in so many things. Why then when it comes to giving same sex couples the right to marry, to recognize their commitment in a civil marriage do we lag?

Spain, one of the most catholic of the European countries has allowed same sex marriage. They have recognized the right of citizens of their country to access civil marriages and they exist side by side with religious ceremonies.

It is time for Australia to recognize our obligation to give this human right to this section of our society. We should remember that it was not so long ago that Aboriginal people had to apply for permission to marry. Shame, shame, shame!