

To the committee
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Support civil gay marriage and recognise foreign marriages.

I have lived in Australia most of my life, I have lived in cities and small towns as an openly gay adult. I am lucky to state that the only discrimination and rejection I have experienced is from my government. I have not had my body or personality abused for my sexuality. While I am happy to live in an era when the majority accept my sexuality without a care, it is disturbing that the only discrimination I experience comes from my leaders and lawmakers. This must change. I do not accept your intolerance and prejudice any longer.

If I am expected to follow our laws they must be fair. If I am to be taxed I must be represented.

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